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Punjab Disturbances

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Dated 1.10.1947

Dear Sardar Patel Ji,

Terrible stories of the
knight of Sikhs & Hindus in Bahawalpur
& Smith are pouring in. They need
evacuation, specially the Sikhs. Will
you kindly pay special attention
to their evacuation.

Maharaja G.D. Khur
helped to evacuate Smith a good deal.
He is prepared to render more
assistance, but he has not got
sufficient coal to run special
Trains. This may kindly be supplied
to him. He needs grain to feed the
evacuees. This may also be granted.

Yours sincerely,
Jai Singh (mess)



Jyotisar Hindu Mission Seva Samiti

ज्योतिसर हिन्दू मिशन सेवा समिति

कुरुक्षेत्र धाम, डा: यानेसर, (पंजाब)

President,

SWAMI SATYANANDA

Geeta Dhyayee Saraswati.

P. O. THANESAR

GEETA BHAWAN.

No. 1326JR

Dated 19-7-1947

The Hon'ble

M. r. Patel, Dy. Premier, Govt. of India, New Delhi

Dear Sir, A Refugee Camp for accomodation of two lakhs of refugees has been lately opened here at Kurukshetra. More than fifteen thousand refugees have already arrived here and it is expected that the daily arrival in future may exceed four thousands. Rains during the week have made their condition extremely miserable in as much as they came here barely with anything besides torn clothes on their person. Accomodation has been arranged in military tents, most unsatisfactory in matters. Usual ration of wheat & rice is also supplied to these refugees by the Govt.

More than 10% of the entire refugee population are found in valid or more or less indisposed. Another ten percent are infants below the age of 5 yrs. Over & above these there are maternity cases requiring hospital attention & cases of mothers with babies of a week or ten days. Proper medical aid and supply of milk-diet are now urgent to cope with the situation.

The Hindu Mission which has a permanent establishment at Kurukshetra has opened a first aid centre and a Milk-diet distribution centre at its Geeta-Bhawan. Boys & girls of the mission under the guidance of their teachers

3 and Matrons go about the Refugee Camps, door to door and render 'First Aid' + distribute 'Fresh-milk' to those who need the same badly.

Our resources are very much limited and we have raised no public fund for this purpose. Hence I appeal to your good self to grant us a small fund, say Rs 5000- Rupees five thousand only now at the start, out of the Punjab Relief Fund at your disposal or from any other sources you like. We are prepared to render accounts and abide by any rules + regulations concerning disbursement of such fund. I further add for your information that the Hindu Mission is a body entirely distinct from the Hindu Mahasabha and Hon'ble Mr. Mavalankar knows me well.

Soliciting the favour of an early reply,

I remain, Sir,

Yours most sincerely,

Joanni Sabhagunda

President—

Hindu - Mission.

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Immediate

State

His Excellency Governor of East Punjab
Jullundur

Your telegram dated 12th September regarding
Jullundur transmitter stop Staff and transmitter
left yesterday by plane

Vallabhbhai

Not to be telegraphed:-

Private Secretary to the
Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai
Patel.
The 13th Sept. 1947.

B.T.B.

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Indt Honorable Sardar Vallabhbhai
Patel New Delhi

I should be most grateful if immediate
action is taken to implement emergency Com-
mittee Decision regarding erecting of a transmi-
tting station at Jullundur. None from Delhi appears to
have come here even to look round.
Governor East Punjab

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TO Jallundhar City 2 ste 103

Most Imm Hon Sardar
Vallabhbhai Patel New Delhi

12C I have just seen proceedings
of adhoc meeting held in by
~~Chalpa~~ Chalpa room 1/30 for implementing
decisions of joint defence
Council meeting of 29th Nov

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Stop

There is much misapprehension amongst Govt of India officers about respective responsibility of Dominion and east Punjab Province stop. I will mention this to you tomorrow at Lahore stop but if you

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Consider that III I should explain
 position personally to a
 responsible Officer E. G. Bhalja
 please bring with you in a
 plane tomorrow stop strength
 of our party. * now four
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SECRET
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TELEGRAM O.T.P.

From.....High Commissioner, Camp Lahore
ToMinistry of Home, New Delhi
No.5
Dated 2nd (or 3rd) September 1947

T.O.O. 2300
T.O.R. 0715

M O S T I M M E D I A T E

Personal. For Sirdar Vallabhbhai Patel from Jawaharlal Nehru. Have just seen newspapers press message sent some days ago by correspondents accompanying us. This message has considerably upset West Punjab Government as likely to lead to retaliation in East Punjab. I was wholly ignorant of this message. I feel strongly that while truth should not be suppressed every effort should be made to avoid giving publicity in Press or by Radio to accounts which might inflame public opinion. Unfortunately some local papers here writing virulent stuff.

Situation both in West and East Punjab requires reciprocal and cooperative handling by both Central and Provincial Governments. Undoubtedly conditions still very bad in many areas. Problem of refugees also assuming terrific proportions on either side. Our joint tours have done much good. Am convinced of earnest desire of PAKISTAN and West Punjab Governments to put an end rapidly to lawlessness and help us in evacuating our refugees. Everywhere LIAQUAT ALI KHAN and NISHTAR have delivered strong and good speeches. We are evolving big organisations on either side to deal with problems facing us. Every effort being made to have fullest cooperation between these organisations or else we will both fail to achieve satisfactory results. Would be grateful if you would suggest to Press and Radio to avoid alarmist stories and emphasise cooperative aspect of work before us. Should also like press statement to appear to following effect.

"Jawaharlal Nehru desires us to state that since he went to Punjab he has avoided making any press statement till the end of his tour. He has been ignorant of messages sent by press correspondents which he has not even seen. His tour with Prime Minister of PAKISTAN has revealed harrowing sights wherever they have gone. This tour has undoubtedly done much good and he is grateful for the cooperation which he has received from Prime Minister of Pakistan and West Punjab Government in steps being taken for relief and evacuation on large scale. The various Governments are acting in a spirit of cooperation in putting down lawlessness everywhere and affording relief. They have made it clear that a firm policy is going to be pursued to establish peace and order. Nehru appeals to Press and Radio to help in every way in furthering this policy. Conditions almost everywhere have been terribly bad. Even now lawlessness exists in several areas but every effort is being made to deal effectively and to help refugees. We have every hope of succeeding in the near future".

HOME MINISTER (2)EA WING(PS BR(2)SG)

B.R.
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PS 475-
Cypher Telegram O.T.P.

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Secret.
No. 5

From - Hicomid Camp Lahore.
To - Foreign, New Delhi.
No. 5, dated the 2nd September 1947 (2200).

Most Immediate.

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B.T.B.

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AURANGZEB RD NEW DELHI =

MY FOREIGN MINISTER SHARMA REACHING DELHI TOMORROW BY LUNCH TIME WITH A
PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME FOR YOU STOP GRATEFUL MEETING HIM STOP HE WILL CONTACT YOU
ON TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL = YADAVINDRASINGH

State.

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His Highness Maharaja of Patiala
Chail

Your telegram of 30th August I had already discussed matter with your Foreign Minister and have just seen press communique issued by your Government stop I consider this serves purpose very well and publication of your telegram 27th unnecessary

Vallabhbhai

Not to be telegraphed:-


sd/- V. Shankar,

Private Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Home Minister,
1, Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi.
The 2nd September, 1947 .

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AURANZEB ROAD NEW DELHI =

YOUR TELEGRAM FOLLOWING REPLY SENT BY ME TO GOVERNOR PUNJAB BEGINS HAVE MADE
ENQUIRIES ABOUT PEOPLE FROM PATIALA RAIDING AREAS IN JULLUNDUR DIVISION STOP
NEWS NOT CONFIRMED STOP ENQUIRIES PROCEEDING STOP MEANWHILE WOULD BE GRATEFULLY
IF YOU COULD GIVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ARMED GANGS FROM PATIALA STOP WE SHALL
DO ALL WE CAN TO CONTROL SITUATION AND FULLY COOPERATE STOP HAVE JUST RECEIVED
TELEGRAM FROM PEOPLE OF LEHNA MUHABAT FEROZEPUR DISTRICT THAT SERIOUS TROUBLE
EXPECTED THERE STOP HAVE ASKED MY PRIME MINISTER TO GET INTO TOUCH WITH YOUR GOVT
STOP GRATEFUL SUPPLYING INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND COMPLETE INFORMATION
OF HAPPENINGS IN EAST PUNJAB TO MY GOVT AS IT WILL GREATLY ASSIST ENDS SHALL DO
ALL I CAN STOP CLOSEST COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST PUNJAB AND PATIALA ESSENTIAL

YADA VANDRA SINGH

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IMPTT HONBLE SARDAR VALLABHAI PATEL HOME MINISTER NEW DELHI :

HAVE JUST SEEN IN THE NEWS CHRONICLE OF 20 TH AUGUST THE REPORT
ABOUT GHAZANFARLIS TELEGRAM TO YOU AND YOUR REPLY - THERETO STOP SHALL
BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL PUBLISH MY TELEGRAM DATED TWENTYSEVENTH
AUGUST TO YOU : YADAVINDERASINGH :

EXPRESS RAJ.

Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhai Patel

1 Aurangzeb Road

New Delhi.

Your telegram. There have been attacks on trains and some Muslims killed and injured STOP Incidents scattered STOP Situation being controlled STOP Active Military and Police patrolling is continuing STOP Hope to have everything quiet shortly STOP Please inform Ghasanfarali accordingly STOP As regards minorities I have assured them many times that their interests will be safeguarded and they shall be protected but what are we to do with certain people or groups who always want to create mischief and want nothing settled. Yadavindrasingh.

Not to be telegraphed,
Chail. 27-8-1947.

Copy confirmed by post.

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dy. Private Secretary,
Patiala.

Express Raj.

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Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhai Patel
1 Aurangzeb Road
New Delhi.

Rec 30/8/47

Your telegram. Following reply sent by me to Governor Punjab Begins Have made enquiries about people from Patiala raiding areas in Jullundur Division STOP News not confirmed STOP Enquiries proceeding STOP Meanwhile would be grateful if you could give any information regarding armed gangs from Patiala STOP We shall do all we can to control situation and fully cooperate STOP Have just received telegram from people of Lehra Muhabat Ferozepore District that serious trouble expected there STOP Have asked my Prime Minister to get into touch with your Government STOP Grateful supplying intelligence reports and complete information of happenings in East Punjab to my Government as it will greatly assist Ends Shall do all I can STOP Closest cooperation between East Punjab and Patiala essential.

Yadavindrasingh.

Not to be telegraphed,
Chail, 26-8-1947.

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for Subrahmanya
Private Secretary,
Patiala.

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SARDAR PATEL HOME MEMBER ND

SIKH HINDU POPULATION OF WEST PUNJAB BEING WIPED
OUT STOP MUSLIM MILITARY AND POLICE WORKING HAVOC STOP FOR
GODS SAKE PRESS CENTRAL GOVT SEND SIKH HINDU MILITARY TO SAVE
MILLIONS OF HINDUS SIKHS OTHERWISE TOO LATE CHILDREN WOMEN AND
MEN OF PUNJAB CRY FOR HELP FROM THEIR BROTHERN THROUGHOUT
INDIA PRAY FLY TO AMRITSAR ATONCE ...

TARASINGH MASTER.

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SARFAR

VALLABHAI PATEL HOME

MINISTER NEW DELHI :

TELEPHONE MESSAGE DATED TWENTYSEVENTH AUGUST F O U R

SUPERINTENDENT POLICE AT BHATINDA BEGINS DAY BEFORE YESTEREDAY

AT THREE P M A TRAIN FULL OF MUSLIM REFUGEES SAFELY EVACUATED

FROM BHATINDA UNDER ESCORT OF FOURTEENTH PUNJAB COMPRISE OF

FOUR SIKH AND EIGHT MUSLIM SOLDIERS AND LEFT TOWARDS

BAHAWALNAGAR VIA HINDU MAL KOT BIKANER STATE AND MOLEO GAIN

ROAD AAA WHEN TRAIN ARRIVED AT KOTHAL MUSLIM SOLDIERS ATTACKED

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ON THEIR SIKH COMPANIONS AND SNATCHED THEIR EIGHT MACHINE GUNS
 AND WERE ABOUT TO KILL THEM BUT THE SIKH SOLDIERS SUCCEEDED IN TAKING
 REFUGEE WITH BIKANER STATE FORCES PRESENT THERE THE MENTIONED
 YESTERDAY MORNING WITH THOSE EIGHT HEAVILY ARMED SOLDIERS
 AND LEFT FOR MCLEOD GANJ ROAD AND THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION
 WITH MCLEOD GANJ AND KOTHAL LT RAJWITSINGH INCHARGE OF THE
 FOURTEENTH PUNJAB MIXED PLATOON AT MCLEOD GANJ ROAD INFORMS
 THROUGH AMARNATH RAILWAY GUARDS THAT ONE RIFLE COMPANY OF THE

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STATE IS AL THERE AND HE FEELS HIS LIFE IN DANGER. FOURTEENTH
 SIKH DETACHMENT AT BHATINDA IS LEAVING FOR MOLEUD GANJ
 TO SAVE HIM AND MIGHT RETURN TONIGHT PUNJAB REGIMENT
 OFFICERS ARE PRESSING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF MUSLIN SOLDIERS BUT
 THEIR ARMY HEADQUARTERS HAS DONE NOTHING SO FAR ENDS AAA
 AAA G. YOUR LOOKING IN TO THE MATTER : PREMIER ::

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

No.

Received here at 16 H. 30 M.

Message taken on Phone by D.A.B. MD as read out by Jullundur and stated to be in reply to a message addressed by Sardar Vallabhai Patel New Delhi to Sir Prakash at LH.

To

Sardar Vallabhai Patel New Delhi.

50 thousand Hindus and Sikhs are daily butchered by the Military and Police here AAA no High Commissioner can save them AAA All Hindus and Sikhs in West Punjab will be finished.

Sampurnansingh Dy. High Commissioner. 2

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AS. 27. 8. 47

A. D. C.'s Room.

For:

The Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - Mr Shankar wanted the following message to be sent in to you.

The following message was taken on the telephone read out by Subbinder and stated to be in reply to a message addressed by Sardar Patel to Sri Prakasa.

"Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
New Delhi

50,000 Hindus and
Sikhs are daily butchered

M.S.V—163.

176MSV—5,100—22-5-47—PSVPD

A. D. C.'s Room.

by The Military and Police
 here, stop. No High
 Commissioner can save
 them, stop. All Hindus
 and Sikhs in West
 Punjab will be finished
 . Stop. Sampuran Singh
 - Deputy High Commissioner.

B.T.B.

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HONBLE SARDAR VALLABHAI PATEL 1 AURANGZEB ROAD

NEW DELHI :

YOUR TELEGRAM THERE HAVE BEEN ATTACKS IN TRAINS AND SOME MUSLIMS

KILLED AND INJURED STOP INCIDENTS SCATTERED STOP SITUATION BEING

CONTROLLED STOP ACTIVE MILITARY AND POLICE PATROLLING IS CONTINUING

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TOP HOPE TO HAVE EVERY THING QUITE SHORTLY STOP PLEASE INFORM

GHAZANFARALI ACCORDINGLY STOP AS REGARDS MINORITIES I HAVE

HAVE ASSURED THEM MANY TIMES THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE SAFEGUARDED AND

THEY SHALL BE PROTECTED BUT WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH CERTAIN

PEOPLE OR GROUPS WHO ALWAYS WANT TO CREATE MISCHIEF AND WANT NOTHING

Ph. Art Press, Lahore - 5. SETTLED YADVANDRASINGH

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Copy of above telegram sent to Mr. Sri Prakasa, Indian High Commissioner, Lahore, with following insertions deleting paragraphs 1 and 2:-

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Have sent following to Jawaharlal at Amritsar:-

here insert paras. 3 to 5.

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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

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Draft Letter
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Dated

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

Jawahar Lal Nehru
Amritsar ^{India}
Commissioner, Lahore.
Most immediate

Please transmit immediately
following for Jawahar Lal Nehru
from Sardar Patel:—

Your note regarding Rindula's telephone
orders placing five lakhs sanctioned
for East Punjab issued on 27th.
No telegrams received by me from
Swaran Singh about grant of
one lakh.

2. Publication of AIR news bulletins
would be breach of copyright with
Reuters. Am trying persuade Reuters
to agree. If they do, there would
be no objection.

3. Intelligence reports show large
concentration of refugees at Fazl
Berisawali 15 miles west of
Jazilka, at MIAN CHANNU 44
miles WSW of Montgomery, at
BARAFARMS 8 miles south-east of
at KOTDHA KISHEN 4 miles south-east of
at PATTOK 1 mile south-east of RAINWIND,
at KOTPINDIDASS twelve miles east
of Shal Khupura, and at Mandi
Bahawalpur. Suggest immediate
transport of new Muslim troops
to guard them and obtaining
reports of their safety, & and
living conditions.

4. Reports also indicate large many forced conversions. Fifteen hundred reported converted at NURSHAH twelve miles north of Multan. Would suggest declaration by Pakistan Govt and ourselves that these forced conversions will not be recognised and that such persons would be restored to respective dominions. Same should apply to abductions and forced marriages.

5. Today's Hindustan Times publishes Lahore Press note, dated 27th August, saying that Pakistan army taking over work of evacuating Muslim refugees from East Punjab and managing refugee camps in West Punjab. Decision apparently taken in consultation with Command Boundary Force. Such unilateral arrangement creates bitterness and ~~restlessness~~ among people here against an ~~unfair~~ comparative ineffectiveness and inaction. Suggest similar arrangements on our side regarding ~~evacuation~~ refugees starts forthwith. I realise that from first arrangements according decisions taken yesterday will come into force later. From Asmit Kumar's talk I feel there is no time to lose.

SRIPAAKASH

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

LAHORE

Have sent following to Jawaharlal at Amritsar :-

(Here insert paras 3-5)

R. M. Service Message.

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TO

Honble Sardar Patel
Min. of Home Affs.
10, B. B. Road, Calcutta
12/29/37

Signature of Sender. }

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TELEGRAM

STATE

IMMEDIATE

His Excellency the Governor of East Punjab
Jullunder

Have just seen Foreign Minister Patiala Stop I feel
exchange of information and liaison with Patiala essential
for restoring normal conditions stop Have therefore asked
him to represent to His Highness that an officer should be
assigned to your headquarters for liaison work

Vallabhbhai

New Delhi, the 29th August 1947.

(V.SHANKAR)
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE
SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL.

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IMMEDIATE

Horace Alexander
1 Underwood Street
Calcutta

EAST PUNJAB IMMEDIATELY REQUIRES ASSISTANCE FROM FRIENDS
UNIT STOP AMRIT KAUR RETURNED LAST EVENING AFTER TOURING AND
CONFIRMS THIS STOP HOPE YOU CAN SPARE NECESSARY PERSONNEL ETC.
FOR EAST PUNJAB STOP WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR IMMEDIATE REPLY

VALLABHBHAI

NEW DELHI, the 29th August 1947.

(V. SHANKAR)
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HON'BLE
SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL

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MAHATMA GANDHI

CALCUTTA

IN PRESENT SITUATION IN EAST PUNJAB I FEEL FRIENDS UNIT
WOULD BE VALUABLE STOP HOPE YOU WILL SUCCEED IN PERSUADING
HORACE ALEXANDER TO SEND A UNIT TO EAST PUNJAB STOP AM TELE-
GRAPHING TO HIM DIRECT

VALLABHBHAI

NEW DELHI, the 29th August 1947.

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SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL.

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TELEGRAM.

EXPRESS

STATE

HONOURABLE MR. GHAZANFARALI KHAN
MINISTER PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT
LAREORE

RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM MANY THANKS

VALLABHBHAI PATEL

Not to be telegraphed:

Signature:

Address: The Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Minister for Home & I&B, Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Dated 29th Aug. 1947.

Confirmation copy by post.

29.8.1947.

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PATEL HOME NUMBER NEW DELHI

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL WILKS REC'DS REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM

DATED 26 TH REGARDING MAH REFUGEE CAMP CAMP STRONGLY GUARDED WITH THREE ARMED

PLATOONS ONE THIRD MADRASI HINDUS THERE IS NO DANGER OR JUSTIFICATION FOR

PANIC NO TRUTH IN THE ALARMING TELEGRAM SENT BY SUSHILA NAYER LADY MOUNTBATTEN

BIBI AMRITKAUR AND COMMISSIONER VISITED CAMP YESTERDAY THEY WERE SATISFIED

WITH ARRANGEMENTS SUSHILA NAYER WANTED RATIONS FOR REFUGEES IN EXCESS OF BASIC

SCALE RATION FIXED FOR CIVILIANS IN TOWNS LADY MOUNTBATTEN SAID IT

WAS NOT POSSIBLE EXTRA QUANTITY OF OIL AND SOAP WAS ANOTHER DEMAND COMMISSIONER

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PROMISED TO HELP LADY MOUNTBATTEN SAID THAT IT WAS THE BEST MANAGED CAMP

SHE HAD SEEN ENDS = GHAZANFARALI

TELEGRAM OTP

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From.....High Commissioner for India, Camp Lahore.
To.....Home Department, New Delhi
No. Nil
Dated 27th (received 28th) August 1947

T.O.O.2045
T.O.R.0700

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Personal for Hon'ble Sardar VALLABHBHAI Patel from
Sri Prakasa.

* by ch
Nothing possible this* end regarding evacuation of
Sialkot refugees due to unhelpful attitude of General REES
and West Punjab Government. See my telegram No.1 of 27th
*August to Jawaharlal Nehru in which I have suggested
soliciting military aid from neighbouring Indian States.
If this proposal is accepted Kashmir Government would no
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000 LA Jullundur C 26 St
Toward 130
S. Bhabhabhai
Patel, Bangalore AD

11/11/45 is a result of further
it has been only the
additional police strength
strength of six thousand for
a limited purpose full stop
the additional police are
not likely to be entirely inadequate
for our military territory
I need some days ago to
increase strength of additional
police by another five thousand
full stop we have already
approximately seven hundred and
about to recruit about two
thousand this police will
be required to be armed with
23 rifles full stop would
be most grateful if two
thousand seven hundred rifles

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Could be sent to us
at Jullundur immediately
and the balance of two
thousand thousand to
follow in three weeks -
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SRIPRAKASA
INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER
LAHORE

HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THROUGH TRIVEDI THAT
THOUSANDS OF HINDUS SURROUNDED IN BAHAWALPUR STOP
PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND SECURITY
THROUGH PAKISTAN AUTHORITIES AT LAHORE

VALLABHBHAI

Not to be telegraphed:

Signature:

Address: The Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Dy. Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Dated 27.8.1947.

Confirmation copy by post.

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(P.A. to Hon. Dy. Prime Minister)
27.8.1947.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

STATE

**HIS EXCELLENCY SIR CHANDULAL TRIVEDI
GOVERNOR EAST PUNJAB
JULLUNDER**

**THANKS YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 133 HS OF TWENTYSIXTH HAVE
ALREADY WRITTEN TO ZAHID HUSSAIN TO ASSIST US STOP
AM TELEGRAPHING TO SRIPRAKASA STOP HAVE SEEN PATIALAS
TELEGRAM TO YOU FEEL THAT LIAISON WITH PATIALA WOULD
BE VALUABLE**

VALLABHBHAI


Not to be telegraphed:

Signature:

**Address: The Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Deputy Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.**

Dated 27.8.1947.

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**(P.A. to Hon.Dy.Prime Minister)
27.8.1947.**

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MOST IMMEDIATE HONBLE SARDAR VALLABHAI PATEL NEW DELHI.

NO. 133 HS MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TELEGRAM OF 25TH REGARDING
BAHAWALPUR STOP WOULD SUGGEST THAT S. SAMPURANSINGH DEPUTY
HIGH COMMISSIONER BE ASKED IMMEDIATELY TO TAKE THIS UP
WITH BAHAWALPUR AND LET YOU AND US KNOW OUTCOME.

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TELEGRAM.

IMMEDIATE

STATE

HIS HIGHNESS MAHARADHIRAJ OF PATIALA
CHAIL (SIMLA).

THANKS YOUR TELEGRAM STOP AM TELEGRAPHING TRIVEDI
ABOUT NEED FOR COOPERATION AND LIAISON
VALLABHBHAI

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Signature:

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Deputy Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Dated 27.8.1947.

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PATEL HOME MINISTER INDIA GOVT NEW DELHI =

HOST IMMEDIATE REFCE YOUR HOST IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM STOP FOLLOWING

RECEIVED FROM QUAZANFAR ALI KHAN STOP BEGINS REFCE YOUR TELEGRAM

NONMUSLIM REFUGEES IN WAR CAMP NEAR RAWALPINDI ARE SAFE STOP THERE

HAS NEVER BEEN ANY TROUBLE OR COMPLAINT STOP RATION ==50==

ARRANGEMENT MOST SATISFACTORY STOP GENERAL MESSERVY COMMA COMMISSIONER

RAWALPINDI COMMA DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ATTUCK VISITED CAMP TWO DAYS

AGO AND NO COMPLAINT MADE TO THEM STOP I HAVE TAKEN FURTHER PRECAUTION BUT

COMPLAINT UTTERLY UNFOUNDED ENDS = LIAQUAT ALI KHAN =====

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IMMEDIATE SARDAR PATEL HOMEMINISTER DELHI =

REFCE YOUR TELEGRAM TO LIAQUATALI NONMUSLIM REFUGEES IN WAH CAMP

NEAR RPINDI ARE SAFE THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY TROUBLE FOR

COMPLAINT RATION ARRANGEMENTS MOST SATISFACTORY GENERAL MESSERVY

COMMISSIONER RPINDI AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ATTACK ISITED CAMP TWO DAYS

AGO AND NO COMPLAINT MADE TO THEM I HAVE TAKEN FURTHER PRECAUTIONS

BUT COMPLAINT UTTERLY = GHAZANFARALI =

Copy of telegram dated the 26th August, 1947, from
Ghazanfarali to Sardar Patel Home Minister, Delhi.

Reference your telegram to Liaquat Ali Nonmuslim refugees
in Wah Camp near Rawalpindi are safe There has never been
any trouble or complaint Ration arrangements most
satisfactory General Messervy Commissioner Rawalpindi
and Deputy Commissioner attack visited Camp two days ago
and ~~no~~ complaint made to them I have ^{also} taken further
precautions but complaint utterly..... Ghazanfarali

TELEGRAM.

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GHAZANFARALIKHAN
MINISTER PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT
LAHORE

YOUR TELEGRAM BEFORE RECEIPT ON INFORMATION WHICH
REACHED ME I HAD ALREADY TELEGRAPHED TO PATIALA
STOP AM TELEGRAPHING AGAIN STOP ALSO THANKS YOUR
TELEGRAM REGARDING WAH AM GRATEFUL FOR ACTION TAKEN

VALLABHBHAIPATEL

Not to be telegraphed:

Signature:

Address: Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Deputy Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Dated 26.8.1947.

Confirmation copy by post.

signed & confirmation
copy sent

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26/8/47.

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000 LI LAHORE 26 STE PTY 50 MOST IMMEDIATE SARDAR PATEL

HOME MEMBER NEW DELHI =

MOST ALARMING REPORTS THROUGH RELIABLE CHANNELS AND FROM EYE WITNESSES

ABOUT WHOLESALE INDISCRIMINATE MURDERS OF MUSLIMS LOOT AND ARSON IN

PATIALA BETWEEN RAJPURA AND LUDHIANA AND RAJPURA AND BHATINDA SITUATION

WHOLLY OUT OF CONTROL PLEASE MOVE AND STOP IT = GHAZANFARALI =

TELEGRAM

MOST IMMEDIATE

STATE

HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA OF PATIALA

PATIALA

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GHAZANFARALIKHAN BEGINS MOST
 ALARMING REPORTS THROUGH RELIABLE CHANNELS AND FROM EYE
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 LUDHIANA AND RAJPURA AND BHATINDA SITUATION WHOLLY OUT
 OF CONTROL PLEASE MOVE AND STOP IT ENDS WOULD BE GRATEFUL
 IF YOU COULD TAKE ALL ACTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT MINORITIES
 AND CREATE CONFIDENCE IN THEM STOP THIS IS BOUND TO HAVE
 CORRESPONDING FAVOURABLE REPERCUSSIONS IN WEST PUNJAB

VALLABHBHAI

 Not to be telegraphed:

Signature:

Address: Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
 Deputy Prime Minister of India,
 New Delhi.

Dated 26.8.1947.

signed &
 Confirmation Copy sent
 Mr
 26/8/47

TELEGRAM.

MOST IMMEDIATE

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SRIPRAKASA

INDIAN HIGHCOMMISSIONER
LAHORE

REPORTS HAVE REACHED ME THAT SOME FIFTEENTHOUSAND
REFUGEES ARE ISOLATED AND STRANDED IN SIALKOT AND ARE
IN DANGER STOP SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE THAT WITH
APPROPRIATE ESCORT THEY COULD BE MOVED INTO KASHMIR
TERRITORY WHICH IS ONLY THREE MILES AWAY STOP PLEASE
INVESTIGATE AND DO NEEDFUL IMMEDIATELY

VALLABHBHAI

Not to be telegraphed:

Sd/-

Signature:

Address: Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Deputy Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

Dated 26.8.1947.

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RE
26/8/47.

1, Aurangzeb Road,
New Delhi.
The 28th August, 1947.

My dear Zahid Husain,

I am sending herewith a copy of the telegram which I have received from Trivedi and another of the telegram which Menon has sent to Nawab Gurnani, Prime Minister, Bahawalpur. I hope your Government will be able to use its good offices with the Bahawalpur State in the matter. We shall all be so grateful for any help that you and your Government may be able to render.

Yours sincerely,

Zahid Husain Esqr.,
High Commissioner for Pakistan in India,
New Delhi.

Copy of a most immediate telegram dated the 24th August 1947 from H.E. Sir Chandulal Trivedi, Governor, East Punjab, Jullunder, to the Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Minister, Indian Dominion.

NO. 81/HS MY PREMIER AND I HAVE RECEIVED TELEGRAMS THAT NEARLY FIFTEEN THOUSAND HINDUS ARE SURROUNDED IN BAHAWALPUR STATE STOP I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF STEPS COULD BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR THEM

Copy of a most immediate telegram from
Menon, Secretary States Department, to
Nawab Gurmehi, Prime Minister, Bahawalpur.

Arivedi reports that 15000 Hindus are surrounded in
one place in Bahawalpur state stop. I shall be very
grateful if you could give them military protection stop
Please telegraph position urgently.

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Jullundur City 25. Ste imdt 31
most imdt honble sardar
Vallabhai Patel - New Delhi -

re 5/1/36 your telephonic message
regarding wah camp was conveyed
immediately last night to Pandit
Jawaharlal Nehru at Amritsar
Trivedi -

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SARDAR PATEL HOME MINISTER INDIA NEW DELHI

MOST IMMEDIATE YOUR MOST IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM REGARDING WAH

REFUGEE CAMP STOP HAVE ASKED GHAZANFARALIKHAN AND PREMIER WEST

PUNJAB TAKE ALL STEPS ENSURE PROTECTION OF REFUGEES - LIAQATALIKHAN -

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Office of the Gurdwara Committee Sri Panja Sahib,
Hasan Abdal (ATTOCK). PUNJAB.

Dated 22nd August, 1947.

From:- Sardar Ishar Singh, Manager,
Gurdwara Committee Sri Panja Sahib, Hasan Abdal.

To,

Respected Sardar Sahib,

I am addressing this letter to you on behalf of the Hindu and Sikh residents of this side. I am not sure whether it will reach you, it might fall in the hands of undesirable persons or it might fall in friendly hands. I expect every friend to whose hand it falls to see that it reaches its destination.

We are absolutely cut off from the rest of the world. There has been no communication, (telegraphic, telephonic, or otherwise) between Eastern Punjab and this side since 8th instant. We have had no papers since that date and we can not say if our leaders are apprised of the situation on this side of the river Ravi. Ostensibly, as is evident from Radio news from Pakistan Radio and All India Radio, our brethren in India are not aware of the happenings on this side. Pakistan Radio is loud in proclaiming to the world in general that Eastern Punjab Muslims have been victims of unheard-of atrocities. There is a ceaseless propaganda in this direction. But they are absolutely silent about the atrocities that have been committed and are being committed in the last ten days in Western Punjab. On account of this ceaseless propaganda our leaders, too, seem to be absolutely unaware of the situation here. They are appealing, threatening and coaxing their own brethren not to do any more disgraceful act. We, on this side, do not join issue with them in this matter. This ought to be so. But this action should not be unilateral. There should be similar quick and willing action on this side also by the Muslim Ministers and leaders. A stray, half-hearted sentence of a stray Muslim leader in this connection is drowned in the uproar of huge mass of propaganda about the atrocities in Eastern Punjab.

(P.T.O.).

Is it known to our leaders that during the last ten days wholesale arson and mass killing of Hindus and Sikhs has been going on through out the main line from Lahore to Lala Musa? Big stations like Gujran Wala, Gujrat, Wasirabad, Sakher, Lala Musa, Mandi Bahaudin and Malkwal Junction are seriously affected. Today's news is that ~~Mandi~~ Chakwal, Sukhe, Gujar Khan and Sialkote are also on fire and Hindus and Sikhs are being butchered. The trouble is spreading northward and the next target would be Rawal Pindi, Panja Sahib (Masan Abdal), the Wah refugees Camp and Campbell Pore. People about are scared to death. There are over a Lac of Hindus and Sikhs on this side, who are practically surrounded on all sides by hostile Muslims.

A refugee Camp has been started for Muslim refugees near Campbell Pore. Evacuees have arrived there. They and the Muslim league workers are vying with one another to exaggerate facts about Eastern Punjab and incite the Muslims of the Illaqa to start a revenge campaign of arson, loot and murder. The latest is that Muslim Military and Police rank and file have started this propaganda with a formidable seal. We have eyewitness accounts of Hindus who have come here in the outer garb of Muslims to the effect that Muslim Military and Police were all along the line inciting Muslims to kill the "Kafars". Some instances of killing at Railway Stations under the very nose of Muslim Military and Police have been reported e.g. at Taxilla, Golra, Kallian, Mandra, Harnal and Wasirabad Railway Stations.

That we are alive so far is partly due to the efforts of stray well-meaning Muslim Officers, but chiefly due to the presence of some contingents of Hindu and Sikh Military on this side. Due to troop movements pursuant to partition of India, these contingents have started moving

and are expected to move out completely in a day or two. Then we would be at the mercy of these wolves in human garbs. We are all unarmed and we have not the ghost of a chance against the overwhelming majority of Muslims who are highly armed with unlicensed guns, rifles, pistols and the like. Then there is the trained Muslim Military and Police whom we naturally expect to join the Muslim hordes in their "Jehad" against the "Kaffirs". We are supported in our apprehensions by the example of their behaviour at Lahore and other places.

Pity is that all this recent killing and arson on this side of Ravi has gone un-noticed by our leaders. Probably they are unaware of it. The roads and towns

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strewn with human corpses have been shrouded in the cloak of censor. And even if there were no censor who is to give the news to you? Not a single Hindu and Sikh is allowed to travel from this side across Lahore. In the trains at some stations platforms it is loudly proclaimed that a reward of Rs 50/- would be given to a fellow who would produce a Hindu or Sikh from the train to the mob outside. Woe betide the unfortunate wretch in the train professing these faiths!

The result is that whereas our Prime Minister, Pandit Jawar Lal Nehru made a fervant appeal to Hindus and Sikhs on 19th instant to abstain from the reported destandly acts, a similar response from Liaqat Ali Khan never came.

The Prime Ministers conference malted away with pious resolutions to stop atrocities in Eastern Punjab, and no body even realised that greater atrocities during the same period have been committed on this side and that the worst is yet to come! The Hindu Sikh refugees camp Wah with nearly ten thousands in number is in constant danger of being attacked and had to pass one night recently under trying circumstances.

I appeal to you on behalf of Hindus and Sikhs of Western Punjab to try to save us. Special trains of evacuees from Eastern Punjab are coming to this side. Please make arrangements that these trains on their return journey should evacuate the unhappy Hindus and Sikhs from here and Rawal Pindi. Only Hindu and Sikh Military being posted for the time being can avert the impending doom. We have given you the facts. It is for you to think about the remedies. The call is urgent. Why does not the gallent Nawab of Mamdot stop this open incitement of his co-religionists to murder the Hindus and Sikhs? An incessant propaganda in this direction and stopping of the propaganda to the contrary should be insisted upon by the Indian Government. Our Prime Minister and leaders should visit this side and see things for themselves. A quick action might save thousands of lives.

Jai Hind.

Yours Obediently,

Johann *Bin* Manager,
Gurdwara Committee Sri Panja Sahib,
Hasan Abdal (ATTOCK).

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MOST IMMEDIATE

STATE

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR CHANDULAL TRIVEDI
GOVERNOR EAST PUNJAB
JULLUNDER

YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 81/HS DATED TWENTYFOURTH REGARDING
HINDUS IN BAHAWALPUR STOP MENON HAS SENT A PERSONAL
TELEGRAM TO GURMANI ASKING HIM TO DO HIS BEST SUGGEST
IMMEDIATE LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EAST PUNJAB
AND BAHAWALPUR TO SECURE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE
PERSONS ON SAME LINES AS WITH WEST PUNJAB STOP IF YOU
AGREE YOU MAY TAKE UP MATTER DIRECT WITH BAHAWALPUR STATE
AND INTIMATE TO US SO THAT WE CAN ~~REPLY~~ FORMALLY
PRESENT PROPOSAL TO BAHAWALPUR

VALLABHBHAI

Not to be telegraphed:

Signature:

Address: The Hon. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Hon. Minister for Home & States,
Government of India, New Delhi.

Dated 25.8.1947.

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by 2000.*

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5.48 p.m.
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TELEGRAM

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To

HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA

PATIALA NABHA FARIDKOT
XXXX JIND RAIPURTHALA MALERKOTLA

(REPEATED TO SIR CHANDULAL TRIVEDI) JULLUNDUR).

HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD BY TELEPHONE TO YOU STOP WOULD STRONGLY
URGE ON YOU EXERCISE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION IN PREVENTING
REPRESENTATION OF JATHES FROM YOUR STATE INTO JULLUNDUR CITY AND
ALL POSSIBLE SECURITY MEASURES FOR TRAINS PASSING THROUGH YOUR
TERRITORY STOP WITHOUT FULLEST COOPERATION FROM STATES IN
INDIA IT IS IMPOSSIBLE CHECK THIS GRAVE OFFENCE TO LAW AND
ORDER AND HOW WE CAN GO FORWARD TO YOUR VALUABLE COOPERATION

VAUGHANBHAI PATEL

(V. Shankar)

1, Aurangzeb Road,
New Delhi,
14th August 1947.

Private Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Home Minister.

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000 At Jullundur City Ste 217 most immediate
honble sardar Nallabhai Patel New Delhi
No 78/55 I have sent following telegram to
Rulers of Patiala Kapur Thala and Nabha Malerkotla
of Punjab. States as you know we are faced
with a most difficult law and order situation
it has been reported to me that armed bands from
your state are coming into Jullundur division and
indulging in lootings etc. I know you are
anxious to put a stop to this and I urge this to
invite your continued close cooperation in
restoring these hands from entering

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Jullundur division and admit to our difficulties
in restoring law and order. I would be grateful
for a reply. I know you would also be grateful
if you would arrange for protection and security
of various trains passing through your territory. I
stop this protection is an essential element to only
in preventing disorder but in restoring confidence.
I would be most grateful if you in your capacity
of member in Indian States desire the cooperation
of these rulers in putting down the menace
of armed # Jullundur which are most potent element
in making Jullundur division in a state of great
disorder. I stop para 2 of my telegram is
also - S. important and I would be grateful

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If you would give it your backing

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Most immediate.

State.

His Excellency Sir Chandulal Trivedi
Governor East Punjab
Jullundhur

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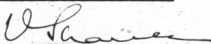
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