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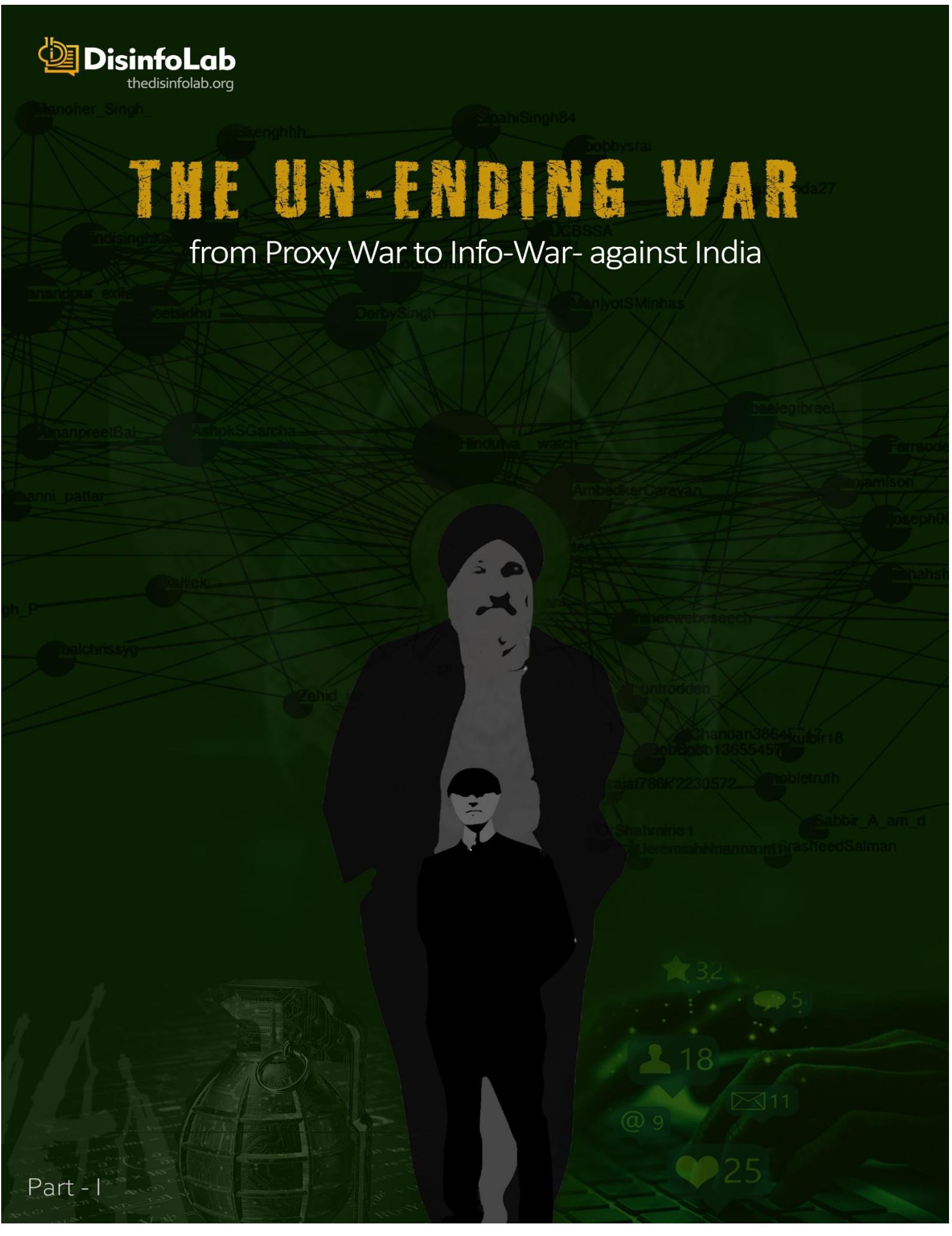
THE UN-ENDING WAR

from Proxy War to Info-War- against India



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Earlier every village used to have an idiot.

Internet brought them all together.

Prologue

Info-war/ psy-war is one of the fanciest discussion topics and are used *ad-nauseum* in several articles and TV debates. Yet, most of the stories surrounding them seems to touch only the surface. The consciousness about the extent and impact of an ongoing war against India doesn't seem to be registering even with stakeholders.

The global connectivity that empowers so many facets of daily life also provide an equally potential weapon for everyone who has understood how to use it. Unfortunately, our enemies have understood it, and understood it long back.

There are few sporadic observers who have been trying to uncover the pattern and the network with varying degree of success. But none, to the best of our knowledge have managed to show a clear picture with evidence. We were one of the observers who could see the pattern.

The only difference we could make is, we were lucky in tracing the linkages and finding the evidence based on which we managed to map the ecosystem.

It should be noted that this is one of the many eco-systems, and there are several other players at ground. It should also be noted that this is not the only or the last attempt we are making. A lot more to come…

What Triggered this Story?

There were several triggers. And they were all staring in our face.

A number of experts/ NGOs/ Think Tanks/ and Online News Media have mushroomed – about which there is no information. Not only they won't volunteer any information, no one else seems to be asking even the most basic questions – like who they are, where they come from, what's the source of funding, what's the source of their information and so on. All one need is a website, few social media handles, and few fake or real entities.

One of the similar experts that alighted on Indian social media space was Pieter Fredrich, and while he seemed an expert of everything, and was a darling of some of the most influential people on social media, there was precious little known, or even asked, about him.

We decided to ask.

What we found was more than we had actually asked for. Pieter was tip of an iceberg, and the ecosystem was way more elaborate and planned than we had imagined. We haven't called this study 'War' lightly.

This case study documents how a well-coordinated global warfare is waged against India in the realm of perception management to target its image. The study also documents that only the methods have changed - from proxy war (plotting terror attacks) to info-war (denting India's standing in world). Both the masterminds and players have remained same. The story also documents that in both the cases, the enemy succeeds only when they are aided and abetted by Indians – wittingly or unwittingly.

While working on this story two fascinating things happened

First, the target of our investigation started deleting their traces – almost live. Second, name of one of the key players of our story came up in the toolkit dropped accidentally by Greta Thunberg regarding farmers' protests. The foreigner source in the toolkit – Pieter Fredrich.

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Turned out, Pieter Friedrich (Twitter: https://twitter.com/FriedrichPieter) was a false prophet in making. And the agenda behind his making was far bigger than social media.

We carried out a detailed research about Pieter, his background, his writings, as well as his social media connections apart from his online activities through what was publically available information. What we saw was an ecosystem which has strategically placed him, nurtured him, trained him, financed him, and unleashed him as a tool of IW against India.

This story is about mapping that eco-system.

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Part – I

Executive Summary

1. Name of one of the key players of our story came up in the toolkit dropped accidentally by Greta Thunberg. The toolkit had mentioned a foreign expert as resource point - Pieter Friedrich. It was startling. Pieter was part of a story we were already working since about a month in context of info-war against India.

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2. Info-war/ psy-war is one of the fanciest discussion topics. Yet, the consciousness about its gravity and impact in India doesn't seem to be registering even with major stakeholders. Our attempt was to try and map one such network, and bring to light its scale of operations. Though we did expect itto be an elaborate design against India, their reach and depth within India and the impunity with which it was operating shocked us.

3. The story goes far back into the past. During the turmoil of 1980s, a hitherto unknown Khalistani Bhajan Singh Bhinder @Iqbal Choudhary appears on scene. He claimed his origins from Malaysia, and was operating from the US.He was essentially funding a terror network for carrying out large scale violence

in various cities in India through another Terrorist Lal Singh with the help of Pakistan's ISI. India escaped the attack by a whisker when Lal Singh got arrested from Dadar Railway Station. Bhinder was eventually also put in India's Black List till 2011.

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Weapons procured during Lal Singh's arrest (1992)

S No.	Weapon Name	Qt.
1	AK 56 rifles	35
2	Pistols	2
3	Cartridges of AK 56 rifles	200
4	Transistor bombs operated by remote control	3
5	Rocket launchers	4
6	Pistols with magazines	12
7	Empty magazines of pistols	1
8	LMG without mark with wooden butt	1
9	Empty magazine of AK 56 rifles	99
10	Empty drum magazines	1
11	82.2 grenade of small bulb type of green colour	35
12	H.E. 36 grenade	12
13	Hand grenades fuse	10
14	Plastic explosives packets	20
15	Packets of explosives of black colour	34
16	Packets of gelatin explosives	34
17	Paint tin of small size	1
18	Orbin explosives sticks for rocket launchers	8
19	Rockets	8
20	Magnetics	4
21	Wire roll for yellow coloured explosives	5
22	Insulating rolls	14
23	Body wire tape	9
24	Detonator bundles	3
25	Detonator plugs	14
26	Cartridges of AK 56 rifles	5213
27	Fuse plastic rolls make M.700	14
28	Hand Grenades	10

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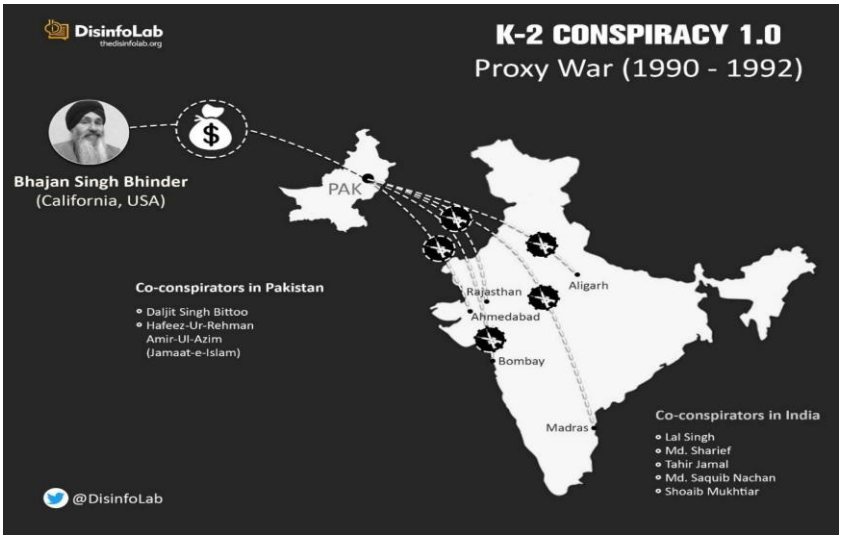
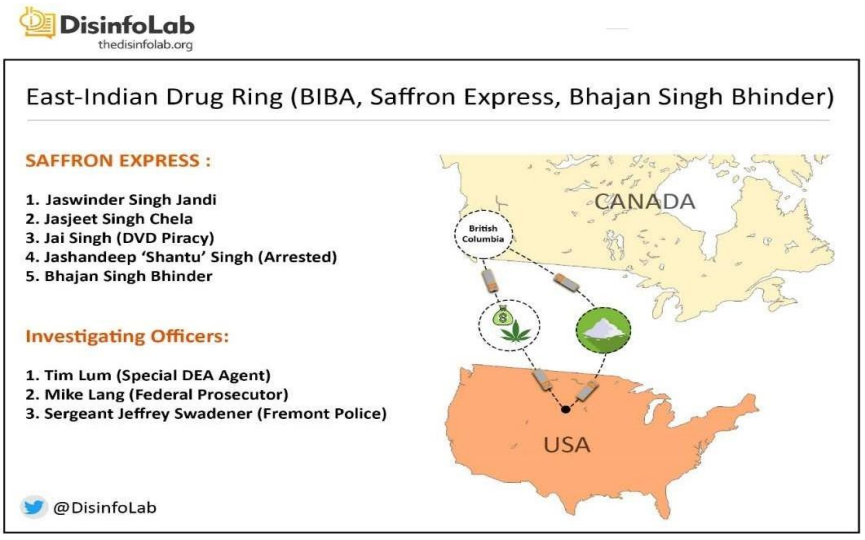
4. The attacks were part of a larger conspiracy called K-2 (Kahsmir – Khalistan) which was hatched in Lahore under the patronage of Amir ul Azeem,the then Secretary of Jamaat –e-Islami, and being supported by several Pakistaniestablishment players including Choudhary Altaf Hussain, eventually Governor, of Punjab (Pakistan) and uncle of present S&T Minister of Pakistan FawadChoudhary.



5. At the same time, while in US, Bhinder and his gang was also involved in a major trans-national drug trafficking network, and a DVD piracy network. In order to fund their drug network, they managed to take control of one of the most prominent Gurudwaras in the US (Fremont Gurudwara), after a bloody fight within Gurudwara. Fremont Gurudwara receives millions of dollars incontribution from devotees every year.



6. All this while Bhinder has also been trying to procure weapons to be sentto India via Pakistan. His quest of arms almost got him in the police net in the US. An investigation by DEA Special Agent Tim Lum reveals that Bhinder was looking for massive fire power to be sent to India. The deal however failed to materialize, as Bhinder got suspicious about the Agent. It was a close call for Bhinder.

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Bhinder's second attempt to send arms in India (1992)

S No.	Weapon Name
1	C-4 plastic explosive
2	M-16s
3	A.K.-47s
4	Detonators
5	Night-vision goggles
6	Mobile communications equipment
7	Remote-control equipment
8	Grenade
9	Rocket launchers
10	Stinger missiles.

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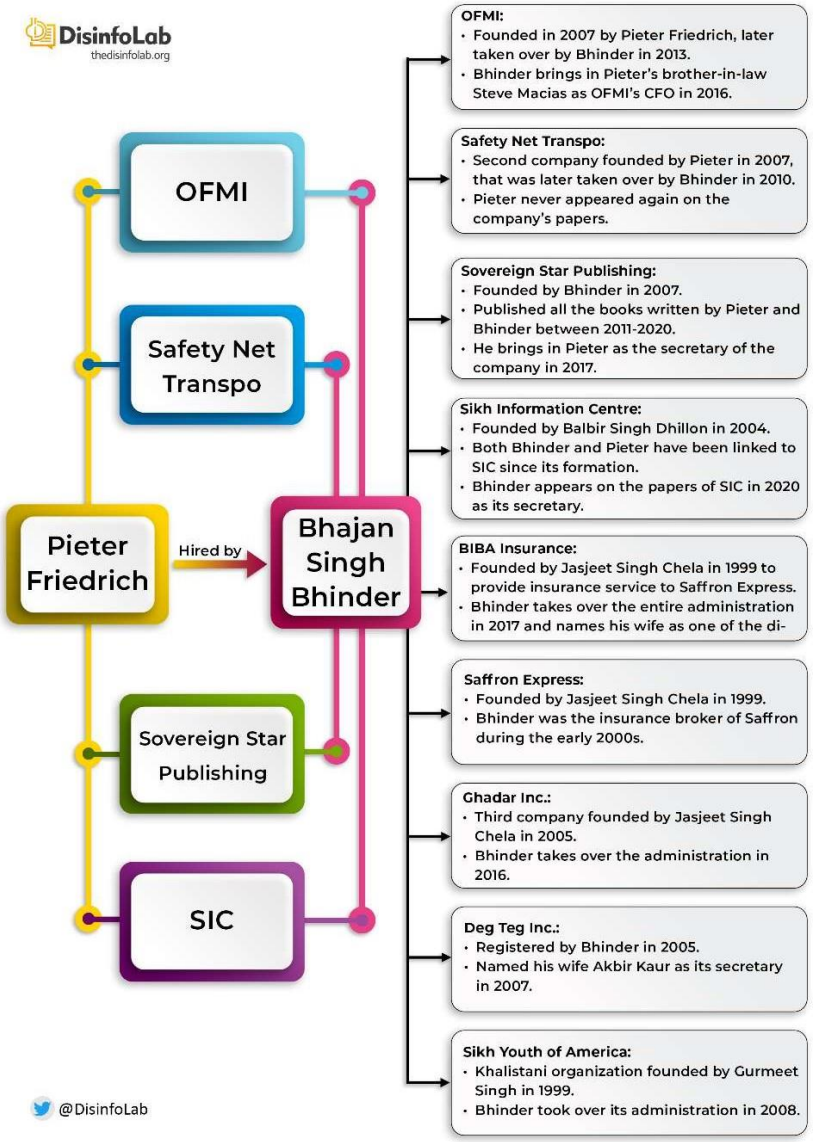
7. With change of millennium Bhinder also changed his methods. By early 2000, after the efforts to send weapons to India failed, and with new media and online platforms mushrooming, Bhinder (or the masterminds behind him) decided to shift focus towards launching info-war against India. To this end he plans to set up flimsy organization and scouts for a suitable 'white face', who could be used as face for the info-war operations.

8. By 2006-7 Bhinder finds a young Christian Missionary Pieter Freidrich, who seemed to have a decent oratory and writing skill but was still wanting in terms of economic means. Pieter was even willing to work as security guard, andhence the offer to become an 'expert-activist' would have been quite lucrative to refuse. Pieter came on board and finds a new role as an anti-Gandhi crusader.

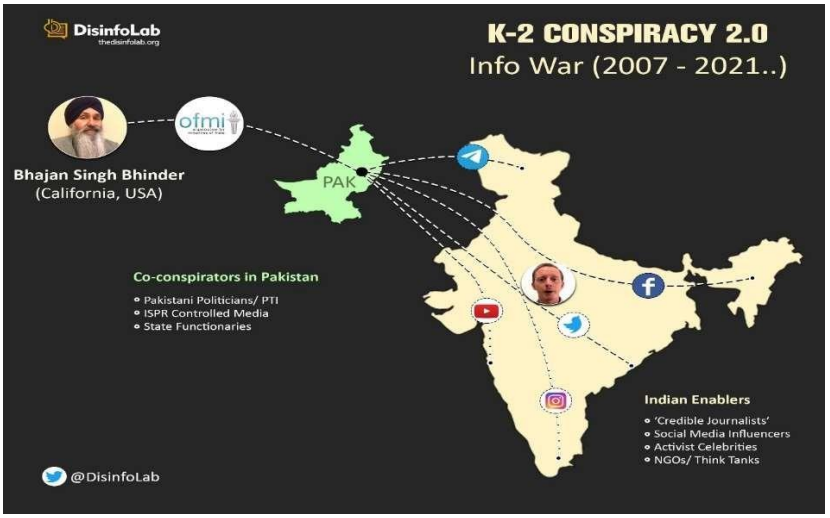
Bhinder & Pieter during an Event in US

9. To provide credibility to Pieter, a number of institutions and organizationswere formed in the US – prominent being Organization for Indian Minorities (OFMI) in 2007. OFMI was purportedly set up for the cause of minorities in India

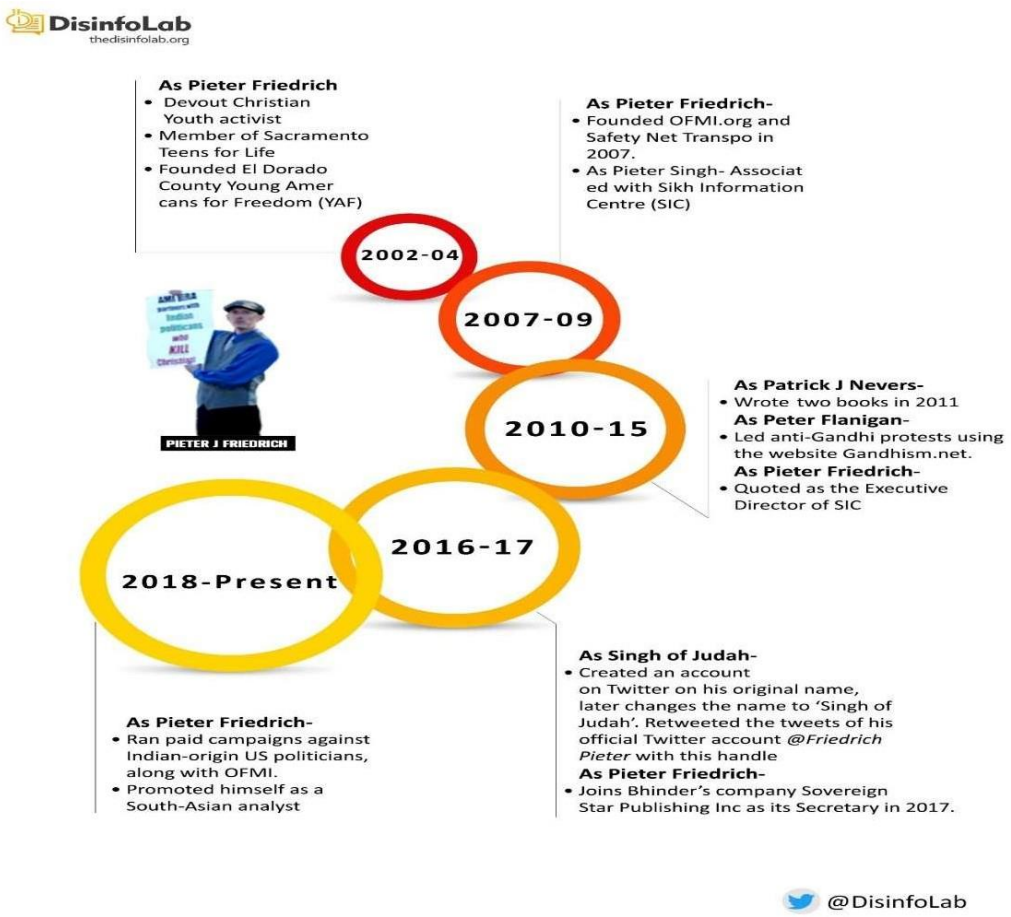
– but had no Indian or even Indian-origin minority in it. Pieter was also given prominent space in another similar organization Sikh Information Center (SIC), which was working for Khalistani agenda.



10. To further boost Pieter' credibility, a number of books are published in hisname – all published through a company registered by Bhinder in 2007. The same year OFMI was set up and Pieter is brought to public notice. The design seemed almost a replica of what was happening in phase I, except the weapon was replaced by information.



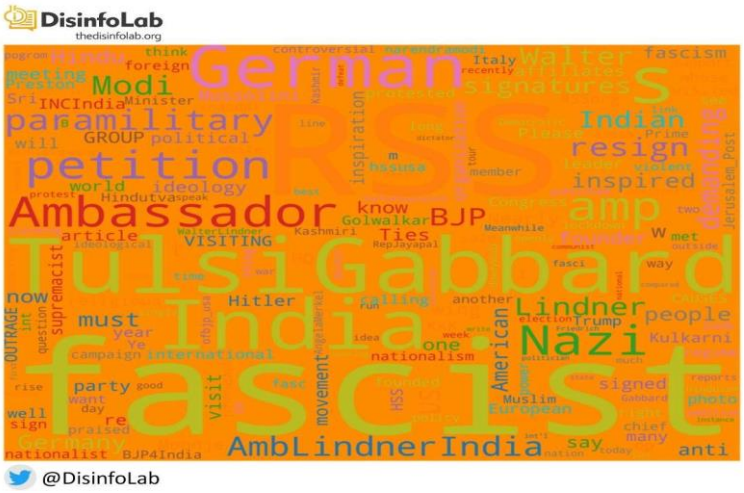
11. However, it seems their early attempts were not very smooth. In a rather peculiar manner, Pieter changes 3-4 names during this time, writing books in various aliases, and also appearing at various events in different names. In one stance, in a letter to an organization (targeting India) Pieter has used more than one name as representative of different organizations just to add credibility to it.



12. The modus operandi was standard: set some book published in his name,few articles in compliant online 'news portals'. Create some social media avatarsand start connecting with potential amplifiers. In the process build credibility and then hijack the narrative of every possible genuine ground protest to suite their agenda. And they have singular agenda – to tarnish India's standing in theworld.

13. Bhinder - Pieter duo first started their tirade against Mahatma Gandhi. The objective was to malign the image of non-violence associated with India. It is not surprising that the names of the duo along with OFMI keeps coming up with every vandalism of Gandhi's statue in the US.

14. However, in order to dent India's image and kill its peaceful non-violent image, it was necessary to provide an alternative narrative. Hence, in addition to targeting Gandhi, they decided to paint India as 'fascist state'. In this enterprise, they also got not a small helping hand from several people inside India, who found a common cause due for various reasons.



A word cloud of Pieter's Twitter post showing the main themes he has been raking up

15. This elaborate design and planning that is underway since 2007 at least was driven by singular motive – to target India's interest. This is tried to be accomplished in 4 major ways:

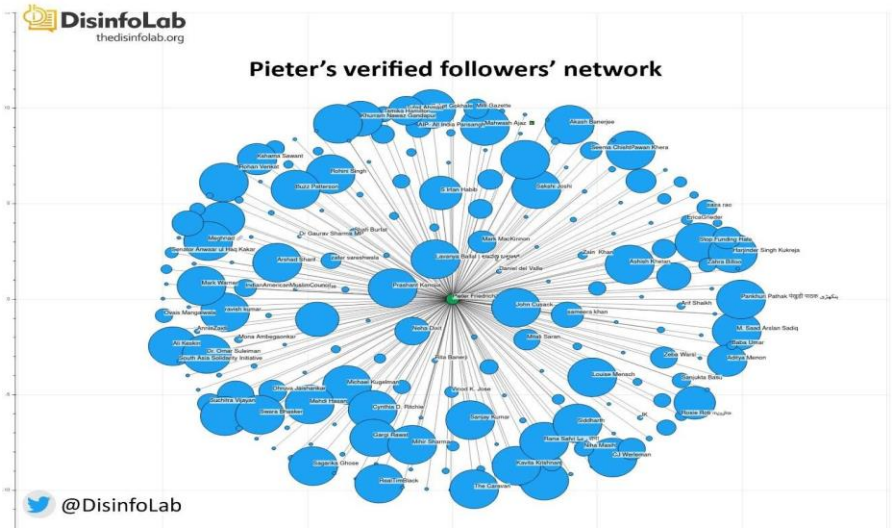
i) Targeting idea of India – non-violence & Mahatma Gandhi – replacingit with an alternate image of 'fascist India';

ii) Targeting India's territorial integrity – working towards K-2 design;

iii) Targeting India's interests abroad by working against Indian origin American politicians; and

iv) Whitewashing Pakistan's sins – clean chit to Pakistan (ISI) in Kabul Gurudwara Bombings & questioning Pulwama attack.

16. However, as noted, despite the elaborate planning, it was hard for them to get audience and credibility in Indian media space, unless endorsed and amplified by Indian intellectuals. In a remarkable feat, Pieter managed to hook up a significant following amongst India's major influencers.



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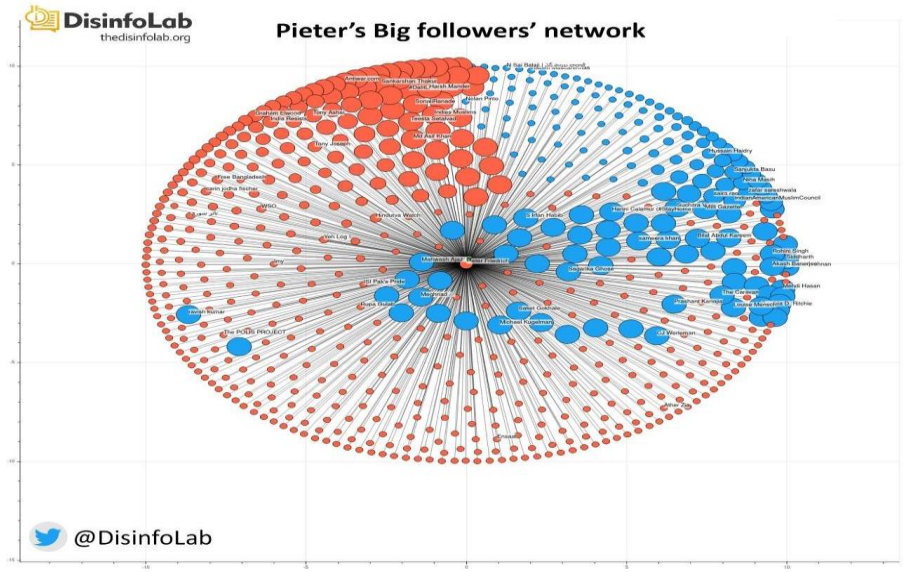

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17. The brilliance of this operation was not merely the planning and execution – the makers also wanted to make it self-sustainable. Pieter had started a fund raising for his 'cause', and claims to have gotten close to $ 30 k (out of a $ 50 k target). Though it has

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to be seen how much money was actually raised from public. But most of all, the fund raising adds further to the credibility, and whatever loose changes come from actual public would be an added bonus.

18. The beauty of the project is also evident from the list of media and socialmedia amplifiers, which includes who's who amongst Indian social media luminaries. Not surprisingly, a lion's share in OFMI and Pieter's promotion come form Pakistan, from Cabinet Minister to Influencers and Media. Pakistani Minister Fawad Choudhary is one of the prominent promoter, whose uncle Choudhary Sr. had played significant role in orchestrating the terror attacks in India.

Conclusion: While some of the OFMI and Pieter's promoters may have been in collusion with him, others might have been fooled by their projections – a WhiteExpert and a US based Organization. But it would be fair to assume that they would in general be aware about the nature and extent of info warfare in present time, particularly against India. That they fell for this charade is an ironyof epic proportion.

Part 1: Making of a False Icon

@FriedrichPieter

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NAME : Pieter Friedrich

@Peter Flanigan
@Pieter Singh
@Patrick J Nevers

DATE OF BIRTH -	18th October 1985
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION-	N/A
NATIONALITY :	United States of America (USA)
ABOUT ME :	• Self-proclaimed South-Asian analyst • Self-proclaimed Christian missionary • Claim to author several books
ORGANIZATIONS :	i) Sovereign Star Publishing ii) Organization For Minorities of India (OFMI.org) iii) Safety Net Transpo Inc. iv) Sikh Information Centre

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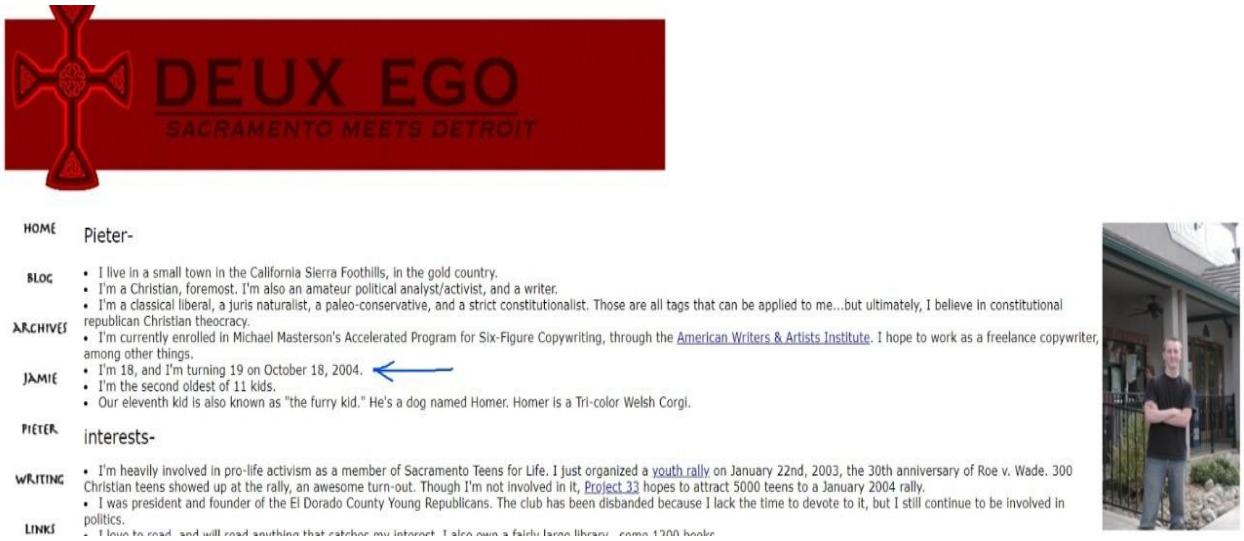
Chapter 1: Introduction

Pieter was born on October 18, 1985. In early years, till about 2007, Pieter has been seen active in social movements in the United States. Pieter was a Christian Missionary activist (and likely still is, as he has claimed himself.) His father's name Steve Fredrick and mother's name Carmon Flanigan. He has 10 siblings. Pieter seems to have had a troubled relationship with his father. He comes from a devout Christian family and his brother-in-law Steve Macias is a Pastor and mother Carmon Flanigan runs a religious organization – *"Day of small things"*; and is a sex-therapist by profession.

In year 2007, in a sudden change of heart, or at least change of career, Pieter came in an entirely new role in association with Organization for Indian Minorities (OFMI). Prior to that, Pieter seems to have no association with India or even South Asia. His brother-in-Law Steve Macias is also associated with OFMI.



Friedrich declaring his religion and Date of Birth

([3]*https://web.archive.org/web/20040208105441/http://pieterfriedrich.com/aboutpieter/*)

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Academic Background: N/A

No information available about his educational background, which school or college he attended or what is the basis of his expertise.

Pieter claims to have written about 7 books, out of which 4 are co-authored with Bhajan Singh Bhinder and remaining 2 by himself. For reasons best known to himself, Pieter used "Patrick J. Nevers" for the books he authored and published in 2011. The other books he wrote as Pieter Friedrich.

What's in a Name? – Shakespeare

"Tumhara Nam kya hai Basanti?" - Jai

Rather peculiar for an academic/ expert, Pieter been changing his names more often than he changes his DP - a total of four times! With each name Pieter seems to have acquired a different role – starting from Pieter Fredrich as a Christian Missionary to Pieter Singh as Khalistani activist to Patrick J Nevers as an author.

Following are some evidences of his various names at various times. What's most interesting is he had used more than one name concurrently, and in one instance he has used three of his names together – pretending to be three different persons.

As Peter Flanigan

As noted, Pieter's mother's name is Carmon Flanigan Conover. His first title seems to be coming from mother's side.

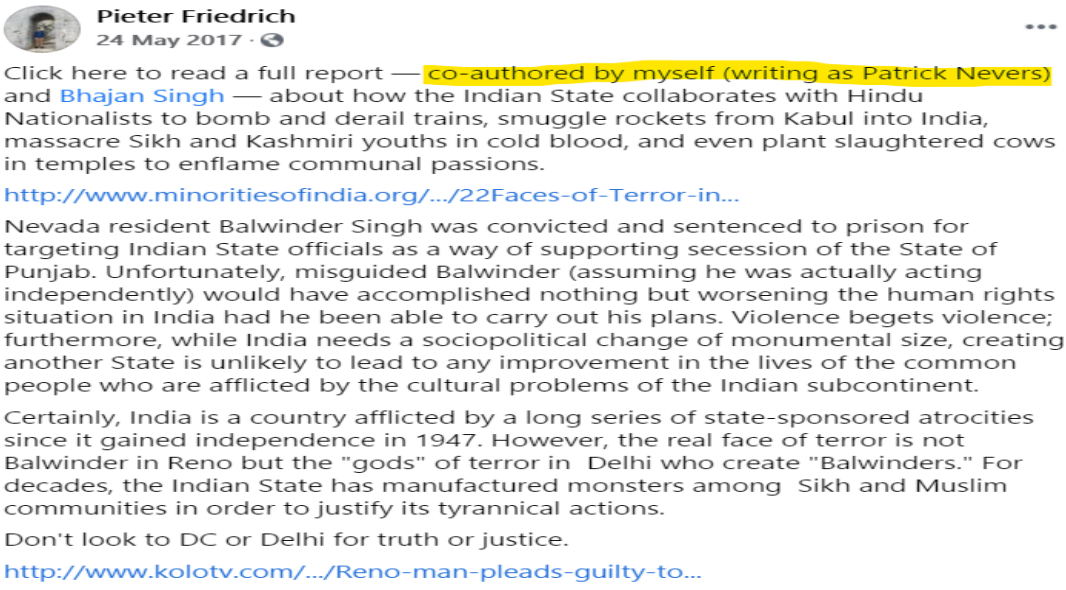
In this Avatar, during his early 20s, Pieter made the first shift – from a Christian missionary to anti-Gandhi crusader. On October 2nd, 2007, a 22-year-old Pieter led an anti-Gandhi movement in San Francisco in response to United Nation's announcement of declaring that day as an *"International Day of Non-Violence".*

A rather funny thing - he signed an open letter against Mahatma Gandhi's statue as Pieter Flanigan for *Gandhism.Net* and as Pieter Singh for the *Sikh Information Center (SIC)*.

Anti-Gandhi Rally in San Francisco - Gandhism (archive.is)[4]

As Patrick J Nevers

In 2011, Pieter claims to have written his first book *'The Faces of Terror in India'* with Bhajan Singh Bhinder. As per his own claim, he wrote the book as Patrick J Nevers (his FB post on 24th May 2017.) However, he didn't find it necessary to indicate why he changed the name.



Pieter Friedrich
24 May 2017 ·

Click here to read a full report — co-authored by myself (writing as Patrick Nevers) and Bhajan Singh — about how the Indian State collaborates with Hindu Nationalists to bomb and derail trains, smuggle rockets from Kabul into India, massacre Sikh and Kashmiri youths in cold blood, and even plant slaughtered cows in temples to enflame communal passions.

http://www.minoritiesofindia.org/.../22Faces-of-Terror-in...

Nevada resident Balwinder Singh was convicted and sentenced to prison for targeting Indian State officials as a way of supporting secession of the State of Punjab. Unfortunately, misguided Balwinder (assuming he was actually acting independently) would have accomplished nothing but worsening the human rights situation in India had he been able to carry out his plans. Violence begets violence; furthermore, while India needs a sociopolitical change of monumental size, creating another State is unlikely to lead to any improvement in the lives of the common people who are afflicted by the cultural problems of the Indian subcontinent.

Certainly, India is a country afflicted by a long series of state-sponsored atrocities since it gained independence in 1947. However, the real face of terror is not Balwinder in Reno but the "gods" of terror in Delhi who create "Balwinders." For decades, the Indian State has manufactured monsters among Sikh and Muslim communities in order to justify its tyrannical actions.

Don't look to DC or Delhi for truth or justice.

http://www.kolotv.com/.../Reno-man-pleads-guilty-to...

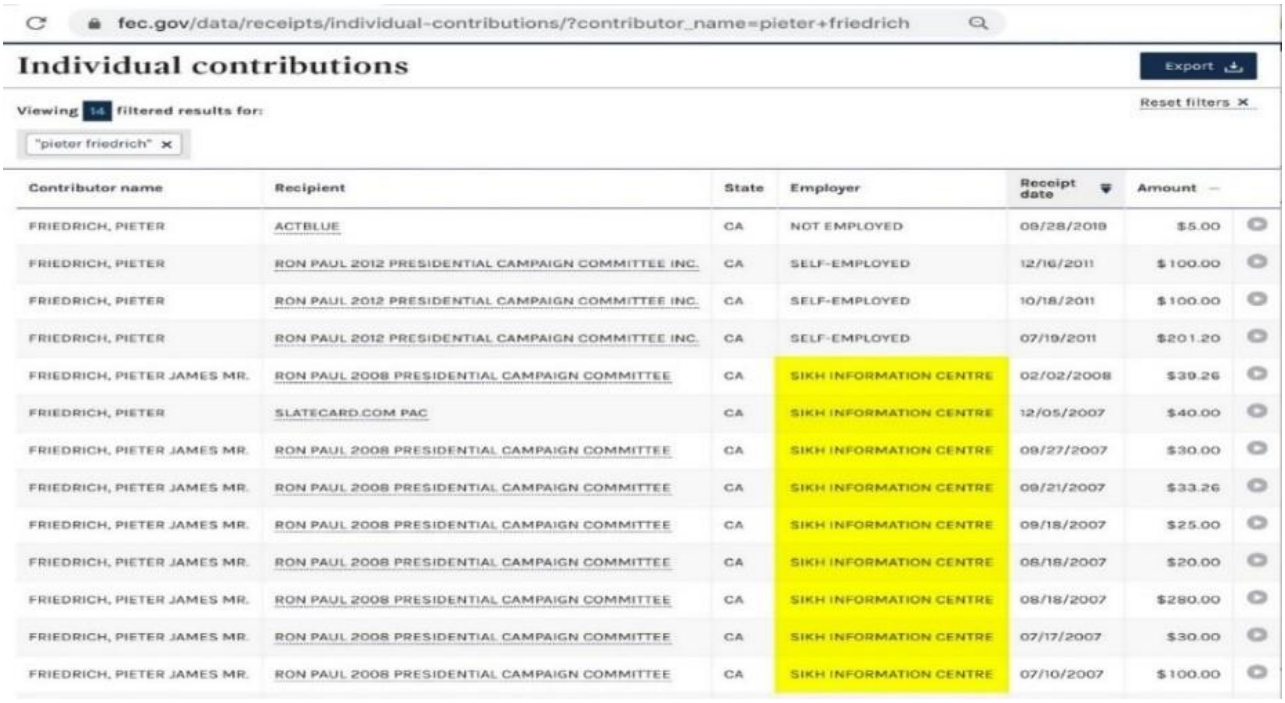
(Pieter Friedrich admitting his name Patrick J Nevers in 2011)

[4] Anti-Gandhi Rally in San Francisco - Gandhism (archive.is)

He released another book "*Demons Within: The Systematic Practice of Torture by Indian Police*" by the same name (Patrick J Nevers) in November 2011, also co-authored with Bhinder. It is no small feat to write two books in a year!

As Pieter Singh

Recently, during the farmers' protest, Pieter in a tweet post, claimed that if he was not a Christian, he would have been a Sikh. Apparently, he forgot that he was already a Sikh, or so he claimed. This avatar he could have acquired for Sikh Information Center (SIC) or under the influence of Bhajan Singh Bhinder. As Pieter Singh, he was Executive Director of Sikh Information Centre, formed on May 13, 2006 by Balbir Singh Dhillon. Friedrich had joined SIC in 2007, when he was still a Christian activist, and went on to become its Executive Director in 2011.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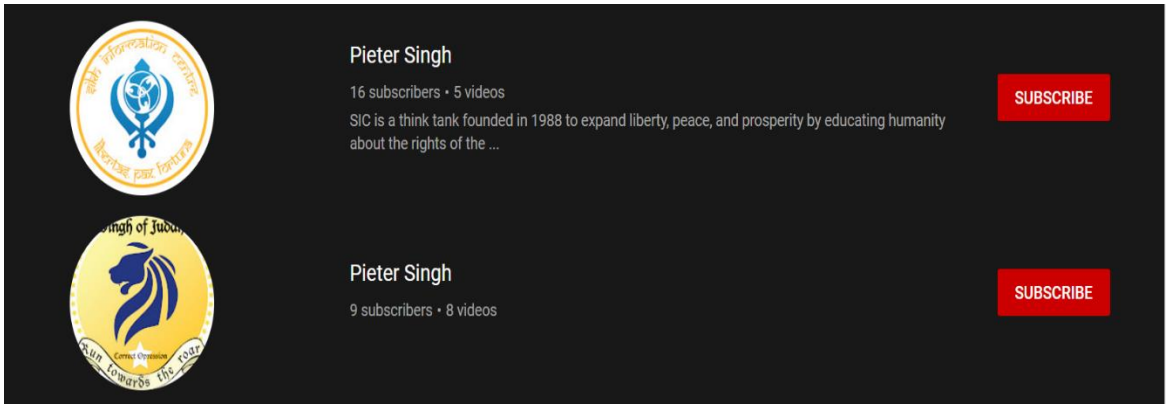
Friedrich's employment proof with Sikh Information Centre

In yet another avatar as Pieter Singh he has appeared at Sacramento City Council in 2013 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_2ck6OU5ZI&t=1s)[5]

A total of two channels by Pieter Singh is there on YouTube, and both of them are known to be used by Pieter during the time he was donning the Singh avatar. On one channel, he appears publicly as Pieter Singh, while the other channel by the same name contains the videos of Bhinder and SIC. Along with that, he was also associated with a non-profit organization Sikhaction.org (non-functional today) and even made an account on Twitter by the name Pieter Singh.



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(https://twitter.com/SikhAction)[7]

Within a span of four years, by 2011 he transformed from a Christian activist to a Sikh activist. However, while he was portraying himself as Pieter Singh in the public forum in 2013, he was also seen protesting as a Christian activist in the very next year in the name of Pieter Friedrich. Possibly he was using 'Pieter Singh' avatar for Sikh activism and Pieter Fredrich Avatar for Christian activism. However, a more plausible reason could be to introduce him to Sikh circles and Gurdwaras as Pieter Singh. There are certain instances where he was seen in US Gurdwaras. It is not clear whether he discontinued his Sikhi journey because he couldn't make space for himself, or whether his Christian core didn't allow it or that another role was beaconing to him –as South Asia Expert.

[7] *https://twitter.com/SikhAction*

Pieter Friedrich protesting as Christian in 2014

(Pieter Friedrich's connection with Sikh Information Centre)

(https://juicyecumenism.com/2014/02/18/u-s-congressmen-call-for-prioritizing-treatment-of-religious-minorities-in-u-s-india-talks/)[8]

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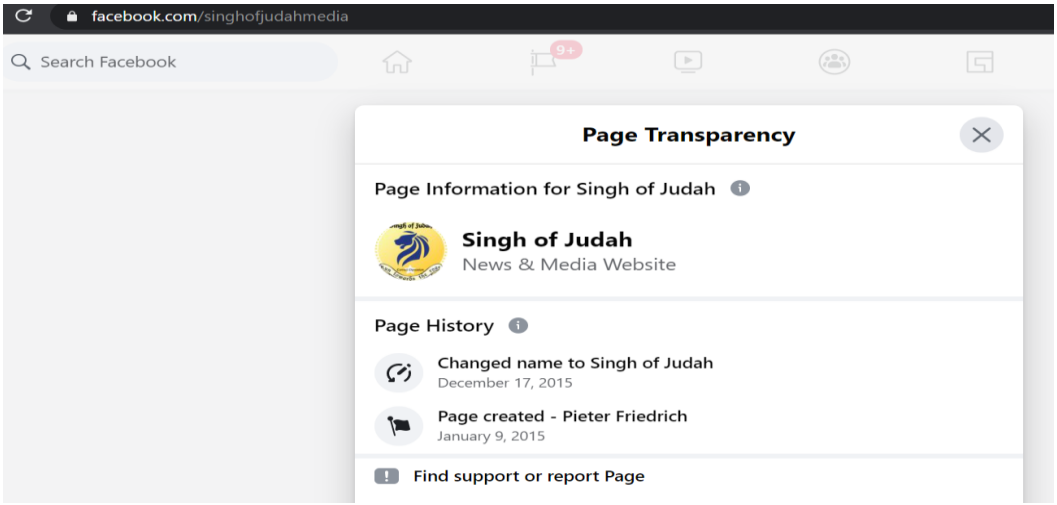
Singh of Judah: An Avatar

Two years later, in 2015, he took yet another Avatar as *"Singh of Judah"* on social media. He shared similar videos and tweets which replicated his political stance that he manifested on his own official Twitter account i.e., *@FriedrichPieter.*

He created the account on January 9, 2015 but changed its name on December 17 from *"Pieter Friedrich"* to *"Singh of Judah"* (see below).



(name-change by Pieter Friedrich in 2015)

It was clear that Pieter was running the account, as it posted a video of himself, using profane language against Hinduism and the RSS of India at the World Hindu Congress that he attended in 2018. The account was active until March 31, 2019, probably the longest span of him using a different name and trying to seep into the mainstream with his social appearance.

Pieter Friedrich at World Hindu Congress 2018 event

(https://twitter.com/SinghofJudah/status/1037959187811258368)[9]

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As Pieter Friedrich
- Devout Christian Youth activist
- Member of Sacramento Teens for Life
- Founded El Dorado County Young Amer cans for Freedom (YAF)

As Pieter Friedrich-
- Founded OFMI.org and Safety Net Transpo in 2007.
- As Pieter Singh- Associat ed with Sikh Information Centre (SIC)

2002-04

2007-09

2010-15

As Patrick J Nevers-
- Wrote two books in 2011

As Peter Flanigan-
- Led anti-Gandhi protests using the website Gandhism.net.

As Pieter Friedrich-
- Quoted as the Executive Director of SIC

2016-17

2018-Present

As Pieter Friedrich-
- Ran paid campaigns against Indian-origin US politicians, along with OFMI.
- Promoted himself as a South-Asian analyst

As Singh of Judah-
- Created an account on Twitter on his original name, later changes the name to 'Singh of Judah'. Retweeted the tweets of his official Twitter account *@Friedrich Pieter* with this handle

As Pieter Friedrich-
- Joins Bhinder's company Sovereign Star Publishing Inc as its Secretary in 2017.

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7 Books, 2 Authors, 3 Names & 1 Publisher

As noted above, Pieter claims to have written 7 books, three of which co-authored with Bhajan Singh Bhinder, out of which two co-authored as Patrick J Nevers with Bhinder, while another co-authored as Pieter Fredrich with Bhinder. two other books he has authored as – as Pieter Friedrich.

Following is an effort to simplify creative genius of Pieter:

(i) **The Faces of Terror in India (15th June 2011)-** as Patrick J. Nevers and Bhajan Singh Bhinder
(ii) **Demons Within: The Systematic Practice of Torture by Indian Police.** (28th November 2011)- as Patrick. J Nevers and Bhajan Singh Bhinder
(iii) **Gandhi: Racist or Revolutionary?** (20th November 2017)- as Pieter Friedrich
(iv) **Captivating the Simple-Hearted: A Struggle for Human Dignity in the Indian Subcontinent** (17th October 2017)- as Pieter Friedrich
(v) **Bharat Bandh and the Dalit Struggle Against Dehumanization** (4th May 2018)- as Pieter Friedrich
(vi) **Kite Fights: The Proxy Wars Behind the Kabul Gurdwara Massacre** (16th June 2020)- as Pieter Friedrich and Bhajan Singh Bhinder
(vii) **Saffron Fascists: India's Hindu Nationalist Rulers** (17th August 2020)- as Pieter Friedrich

It is worthwhile to note that all the books Pieter wrote, either as co-author or solely, were published by Sovereign Star Publishing, which was registered in the name of Bhinder in 2007. The Publisher has only published two more books – one on Mahatma Gandhi and another on Indian Constitution – both by GB Singh.

Curious Case of "*Kite Fights*": The 6th Book (Booklet) by Pieter

Pieter is not only capable of authoring two books a year and adopting several names, but he seems to be an IT expert– or at least has support of one. A controversial book – Kite Fights (a booklet to be precise, co-authored with Bhinder) was released in June 2020 has a suspected malware attached to it.

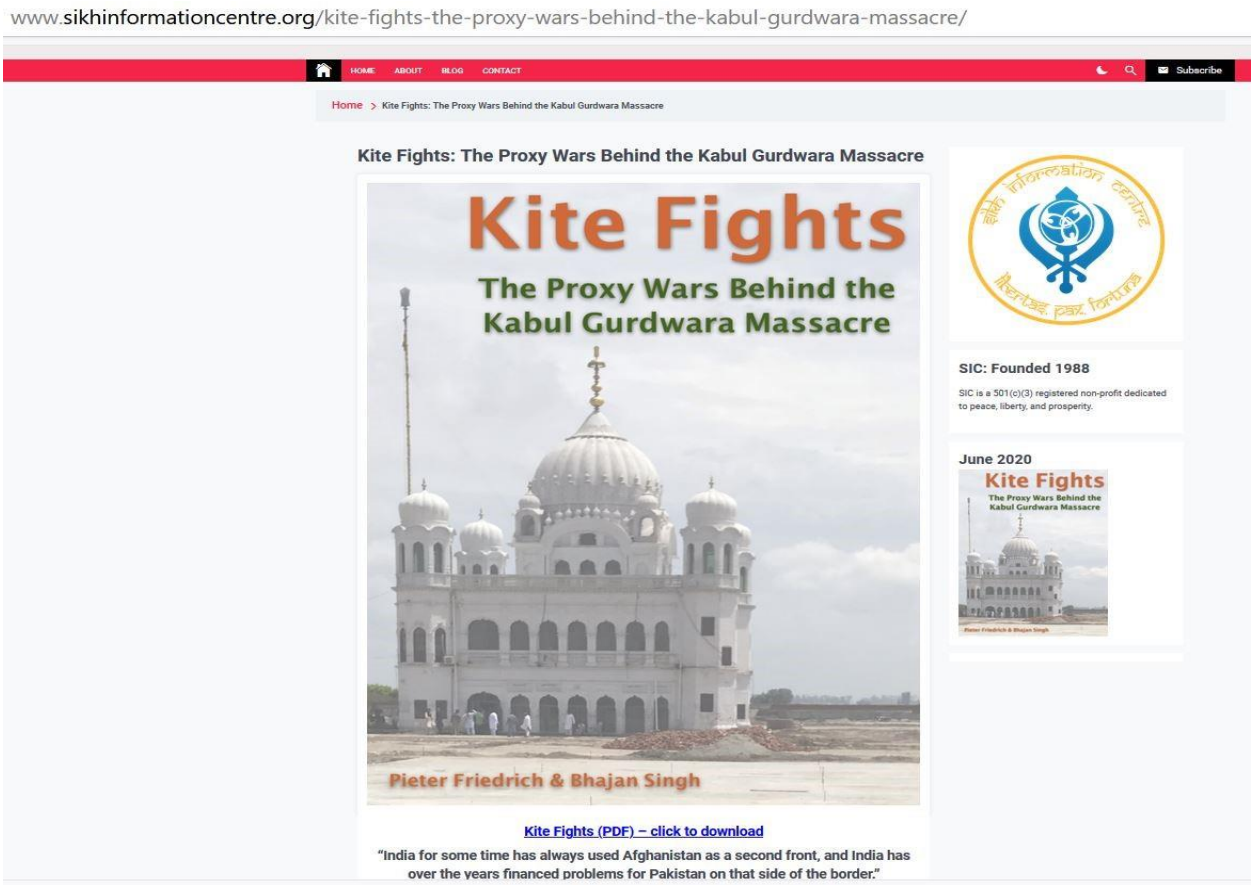
First about the content of the booklet:

The booklet was yet another attempt as was done by ISI to blame India for the Mumbai terror attacks (26/11) by hiring a 'foreign expert' Elias Davidsson. He 'penned' a book "The Betrayal of India: Revisiting the 26/11 Evidence", and tried to deflect the role of Pakistani establishment behind the attacks. He, rather unsuccessfully, blamed the Indian intelligence agencies for the attack.

In a similar fashion, an attempt was made in the aftermath of the brutal attack on Kabul Gurudwara carried by ISIS and Haqqani network, an ISI proxy. Bhinder and Pieter, through the book, tried to create an alternative narrative claiming that it was actually India behind the attack – quite an onerous task for a Sikh activist and an American anti-Gandhi expert. Like the previous attempt, this effort also flopped.

However, the most interesting aspect of the book (which is available on SIC website) is that the pdf file has a code that may contain spurious code.

***Note**: Downloading the book should be avoided, as it may contain a potential malware. The Code seems sophisticated enough as it senses 'sand box' environment and goes dormant. It contains strings that are most likely used as an injection method into the internet explorer and another string that gains access to the Windows Directory. (We have provided an analysis of our report for an informed decision @ Annexure I)*



Kite Fights PDF download on SIC website

Donning Multiple Caps: A Christian Missionary? Author? Activist?

At present, Pieter has been established as a South-Asian analyst and accredited by many prominent media houses in India. Starting as a Christian Youth Activist to working for Bhinder and further leading anti-Gandhi protests across America, Pieter has 'evolved' over the years. Despite him changing so many names and keeping close association with a designated terrorist (by India), he has managed to escape the public eye. Barring few people raising doubts about his authenticity and credential, it is remarkable that no one has seriously raised the questions, despite so many red-flags. Few questions that have been raised has been essentially on motive, but not about his mechanics. He seems to have 'charmed' not only the general social media gentry but even many 'prominent intellectuals' of our time.

Pieter getting ensconced as a South Asia Expert was neither accidental nor merely a matter of ignorance of others. It was a well devised plan with a sinister agenda. And the key to finding was present in front of everyone, though just in shadow – Pieter's friend, philosopher and guide- and co-author of his books- Bhajan Singh Bhinder.

A Side Story: The Mysterious Pakistani Intelligence Officer:

Dalip Singh Rhode, former chauffer of Bhindranwale, had narrated that Gurjit Singh (Convener, AISSF) and Ajaib Singh were threatened by a Pakistani intelligence officer **Iqbal Choudhary**, asking them to declare the creation of Khalistan on 29th April, 1986. Iqbal Choudhary warned that the entire flow of weapons in Punjab will stop if they failed to do so.

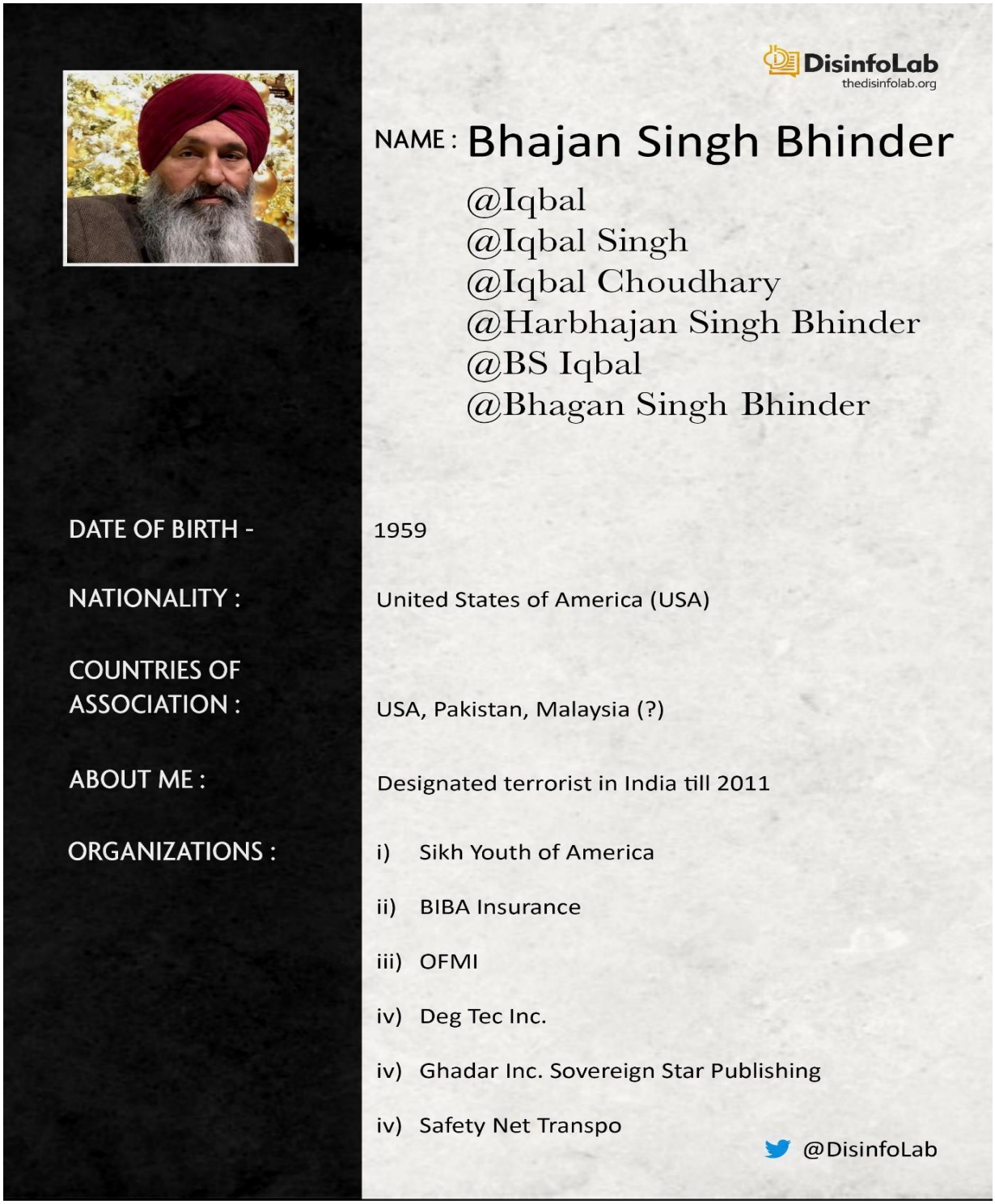
Another Khalistani activist Davinder Singh and an activist of Bhindranwale Tiger Force of Khalistan (BTKF) also narrated that he was accompanied by a Pakistani official named Choudhary in June 1988 when he visited Pakistan along with 10 other extremists. This party had smuggled heavy weaponry into India including – 8 AK-47; 8k Cartridges, 8 9-MM Stun guns with 7k Cartridges; and 12 hand-grenades among other things.

Dalip Singh Rode, former chauffeur of Bhindranwale (arrested in November 1987)	He confirmed that several top secessionists were trained in Pakistan. Some of them were Gurjit Singh (convener of the AISSF), Nirvair Singh (spokesman of the Panthic Committee in the Golden Temple), Malkiat Singh Ajnala ("Lieutenant General" of the KCF—Khalistan Commando Force who surrendered in 1988), and Ajaib Singh (Damdami Taksal). He also stated that Gurjit Singh and Ajaib Singh were threatened by Pakistani intelligence official, Iqbal Chowdhury to declare the creation of Khalistan on April 29, 1986, otherwise the flow of weapons into Punjab would be stopped

Bhajan Singh Bhinder aka Iqbal Chowdhury during 1980s

Chapter 2: Bhajan Singh Bhinder

A name that keeps popping with Pieter in his books as well as his organizations is – Bhajan Singh Bhinder. Those of earlier generations might have recognized the name, but for the Millennials it would need a re-telling.



Bhinder, like his companion 'scholar-activist' Pieter, is also known by several aliases - @Iqbal; @Iqbal Choudhary; @BS Iqbal; Bhagan Singh'; and @Harbhajan Singh Bhinder among others. While the names such as Harbhajan Singh and Bhagan Singh could be a derivative of 'Bhajan Singh', the Iqbal Choudhary & Iqbal are unlikely to have been confused with Bhajan Singh.

Bhinder has been a spokesperson for the Sikh Youth of America. He even took over the control of the organization as its CEO, CFO, and secretary in 2008. Bhinder has been a pro-Khalistani instigator, who has been endorsing anti-India movements while operating from California, USA. As per one of the interviews he gave in 2012, Bhinder revealed he was a 25-year-old youth when Operation Blue Star was conducted, and that he was working as a quality check officer at the Silicon Valley.

He also went on to take control of the administration of the Fremont Gurdwara along with five other core members of the Sikh Youth of America, including Jai Singh, Gurtej Singh, Jaswinder Singh Jandi, and Jasjeet 'Jesse' Singh Chela.

https://www.tribuneindia.com/2011/20110514/punjab.htm[10]

Bhajan Singh Bhinder's interview posted in 2013

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGbb1OOO6vE&t=5s)[11]

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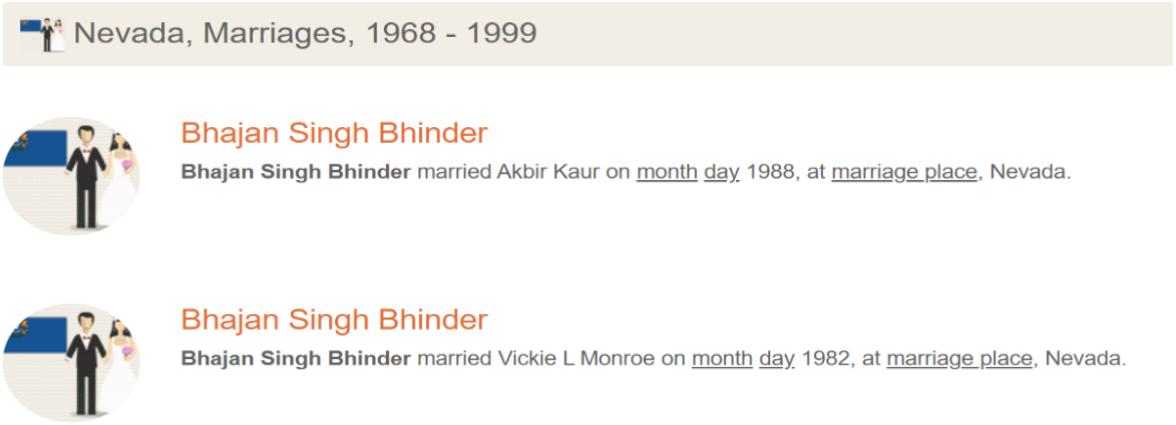
Bhinder claims to be a Sikh, have been born in Malaysia, and later moved to the US. He also affirmed in the past that he had a brother who used to be one of the closest allies of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, and was killed during the infamous operation Blue Star. However, no details have been found of his family members or his early life. Nor the names of his brother been mentioned anywhere.

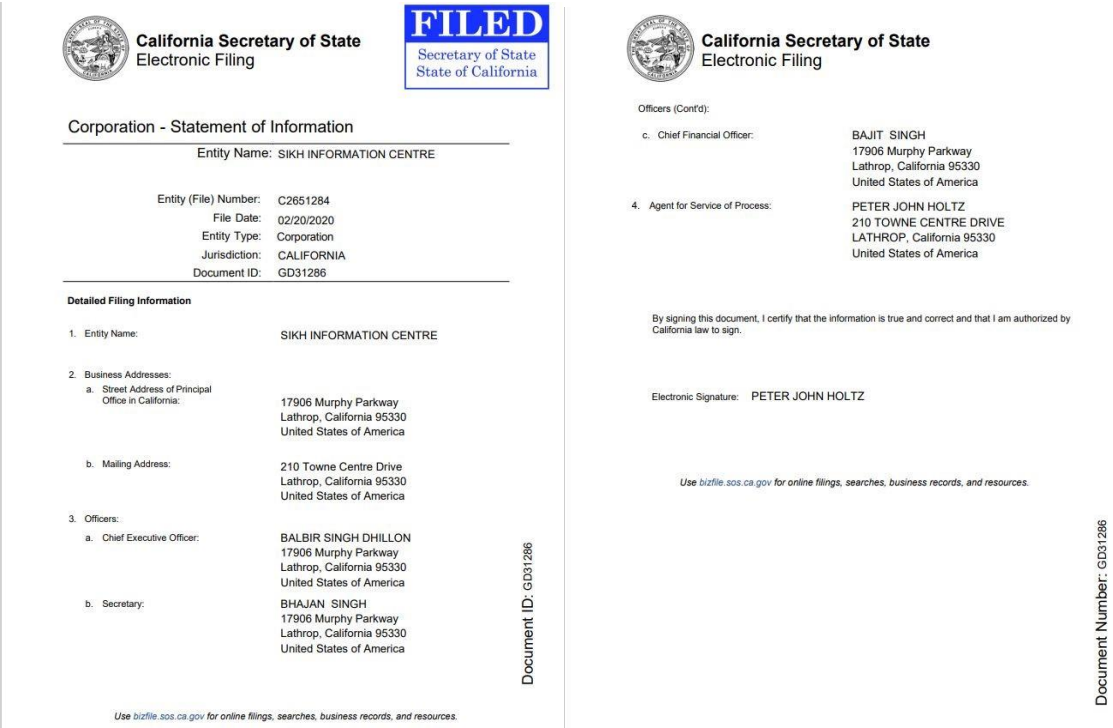
Bhinder seems to have moved to the US in late 1970 or early 1980s. He married an American woman - Vickie L Monroe on 21st February, 1982. However, they got divorced, and a few years later Bhinder married a Punjabi woman, Akbir Kaur, on April 8, 1988. He has a daughter as well.



Bhajan Singh Bhinder's marriage records

Bhinder's present avatar begins with a company called OFMI - Organization for Minorities of India (OFMI), LLC formed in 2007 in California, USA. (**Website-** http://www.ofmi.org/)[12]. The 'Company' (a limited liability company) – claimed to strive for safeguarding the minorities such as Christians, Buddhists, Dalits, Muslims, Sikhs, and Mulnivasi people in South-Asia. Bhajan Singh also joined the Sikh Information Centre (SIC) on 20th February, 2020 as secretary, with Balbir Singh Dhillon as CEO. Bhinder was also the president of the Fremont Gurdwara in California in the 1990s.

[12] http://www.ofmi.org/



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Sikh Information Centre registration in 2020

However, this is BSB 2.0 – reinvented as 'scholar, activist', just like Pieter. But BSB 1.0 has much bigger and more interesting story.

Bhinder's Story runs backward

Bhinder was once under the radar of the Indian government for over a decade for running anti-India movements abroad. In fact, he was in the list of the most-wanted terrorists by the Indian government for fueling the pro-Khalistani movements from the last 35 years. Bhinder was removed from the black-list by Indian government in 2011.

Bhinder had joined the Sikh Youth of America, founded by Gurmeet Singh, in 1989. The notorious group, known for leading the pro-Khalistani movement, has come under the radar of the Canadian and the US government on various occasions for their links with the International Sikh Youth Federation based in Canada, which is associated with drug trafficking on large scale.

However, Bhinder's most significant role was in case of Lal Singh (whose name also appeared in Kanishka bombings case) where Bhinder was funding a terror plot to carry out explosives in several cities in India, including in Bombay (now Mumbai) and Madras (now Chennai).

The story begins in 1992

Lal Singh v/s State of Gujarat (Tada Cases Nos 2/93; 7/93; 2/94)

Bombay Police (as Mumbai was known then) carried out a sensational arrest at Dadar Railway Station on July 16th 1992. The fugitive had such precious information that he even tried to consume cyanide capsule. But luckily for the police, he didn't succeed and lived to tell story of an elaborate conspiracy against India. What was planned against India was hair-raising drama. The person arrested was Lal Singh.

With his arrest, the Indian government averted one of the most horrific terror attacks in country in 1992. The Police arrested Lal Singh, along with four other perpetrators - Mohammad Sharief, Md Saquib Nachan, Tahir Jamal, and Shoaib Mukhtiar for conspiring larger scale destruction of human lives and property in different parts of India. The captured offenders, with the support of Pakistan's ISI and some Khalistani groups based abroad, had planned to carry out blasts in various parts of the country between 1991 and 1992. The blast was not an end in itself – but was expected to unleash a communal frenzy.

(*For many, the story would look familiar. This was not the only attempt against India; and unfortunately, second time India was not so lucky. A coordinated bombing was carried out at the financial capital of India i.e., Mumbai (then Bombay) and also in Calcutta in 1993, followed by a dozen of blasts that shook the entire country. Over 250 people were killed people and 1400 injured in the riot ensued after the bombings, as was planned*.)

The Indian government prosecuted a total of 21 people for plotting the attacks, out of which, five were convicted. 13 absconding accused disguised under different names were also convicted for the conspiracy *in absentia*.

Tales Told by Lal Singh:

Lal Singh used to work in Shipping sector in various countries since early 1980s at least. However, as per the NYT article (Quoting FBI), in the aftermath of 1984 he was part of a group that was planning to assassinate the then PM Rajiv Gandhi and Haryana CM Bhajan Lal. The plot was foiled by the FBI. After the attempt failed, Lal Singh decided to come to India.

However, before coming to India, Lal Singh visited Pakistan in 1988 with a fake Pakistani passport, where he met Md. Sharief, an ISI agent, who was already planning terrorist activities in India. Lal Singh used the alias of Iqbal Gill. Eventually Lal Singh would contact Md. Sharief for help in smuggling arms and ammunition in India. Lal Singh had another help in the name of Daljeet Singh Bittoo, another accused in the same case. Both Lal Singh and Shrief infiltrated India in 1991.

The terror attack being planned part of a much larger conspiracy that is at play even today.

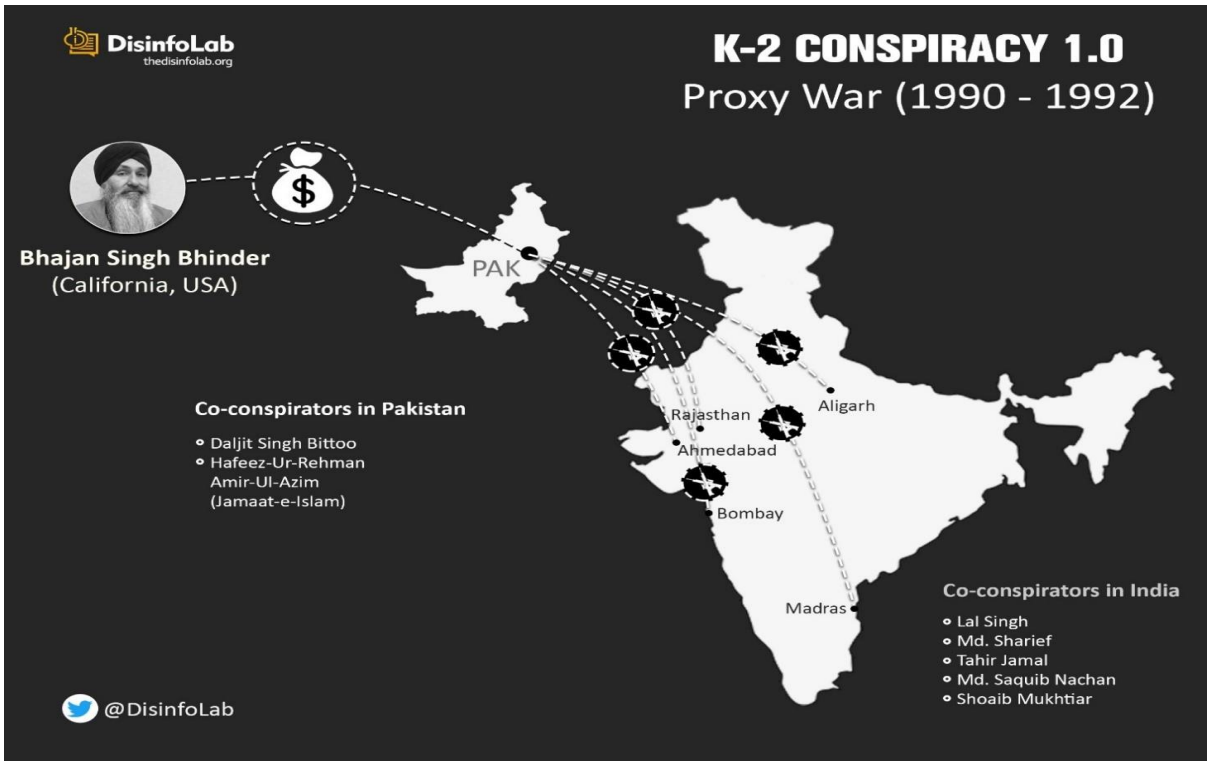
The K-2 Conspiracy (Khalistan-Kashmir Conspiracy)

Lal Singh had met one Sajjad Alam Raja, a resident of Kashmir (PoK) and formed an organization in Lahore called K-2, which was to work for creation of an independent Khalistan and merger of Kashmir with Pakistan. (One could surmise why Pakistan didn't propose merger of Khalistan also in Pakistan). K-2 was a collaboration between Pakistan's Jamaat-e-Islami, ISI and pro-Khalistani terrorists. The nexus was formed in 1990, a year before Lal Singh and Co. came to India for carrying out the terrorist attacks.

Sajjad was already actively involved in arranging weapons and funding from Pakistan for the militants operating in Kashmir. In Pakistan Lal Singh also got in touch with Amir-ul-Azim, Press Secretary of Jamat-e-Islami.

To arrange the fake Indian identities, they had approached Chowdhary Altaf Hussain, a Member of Provincial Assembly, Punjab (Pakistan) who then arranged passport for Lal Singh in the assumed name of Iqbal Ahmed and for Md. Sharief in the name of Manzoor Ahmed; and arranged their visa for Calcutta.

(*Chaudhry Altaf Hussain also happens to be the uncle of Pakistan Cabinet Minister Fawad Chaudhry*.)



For more details: (https://www.rediff.com/news/2002/oct/08spec.htm)[13]

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Lal Singh's Confessions

During his confession, Lal Singh revealed that he received RS. 20-25 Lakhs annually from the Khalistanis based out of USA, UK, and Canada. The funds they received for plotting the terror attacks was from Satinder Pal Singh Gill in Canada, Gurmeet Singh Walia & Bhajan Singh Bhinder from California.

The scale of conspiracy could be seen from the list of weapons that the police caught. This attack, if succeeded would have caused even greater damage than the 1993 bombings.

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Weapons procured during Lal Singh's arrest (1992)

S No.	Weapon Name	Qt.
1	AK 56 rifles	35
2	Pistols	2
3	Cartridges of AK 56 rifles	200
4	Transistor bombs operated by remote control	3
5	Rocket launchers	4
6	Pistols with magazines	12
7	Empty magazines of pistols	1
8	LMG without mark with wooden butt	1
9	Empty magazine of AK 56 rifles	99
10	Empty drum magazines	1
11	82.2 grenade of small bulb type of green colour	35
12	H.E. 36 grenade	12
13	Hand grenades fuse	10
14	Plastic explosives packets	20
15	Packets of explosives of black colour	34
16	Packets of gelatin explosives	34
17	Paint tin of small size	1
18	Orbin explosives sticks for rocket launchers	8
19	Rockets	8
20	Magnetics	4
21	Wire roll for yellow coloured explosives	5
22	Insulating rolls	14
23	Body wire tape	9
24	Detonator bundles	3
25	Detonator plugs	14
26	Cartridges of AK 56 rifles	5213
27	Fuse plastic rolls make M.700	14
28	Hand Grenades	10

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List of weapons seized after Lal Singh's arrest (https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1072924/)[14]

[14] https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1072924/

As luck would have it, Bhinder was not caught in 1992 despite his name being in the list, for supporting the conspiracy. Despite the failure of this project, or because of it Bhinder doubled down his efforts to transfer arms and ammunition to India for terrorist activities.

'We have been Burnt Before'

Soon after the failed terror attack, Bhinder, along with Gurtej Singh, one of the owners of a US based transport company Saffron Express, had *'almost finalized'* a deal with a weapon dealer to send arms and explosives to India.

The first meeting with the weapon dealer was held at Blue Dolphin restaurant in San Leandro in 1992. The dealer showed some machine guns, but Bhinder said he was looking for more firepower like- M-16s, A.K.-47s, detonators, night-vision goggles, mobile communications equipment, remote-control equipment, grenade and rocket launchers, and for good measure, Stinger missiles. Bhinder was clearly looking for a mini-war.

Bhinder also proposed the idea of sending the weapons to Pakistan via sea route, then to enter India loaded on trucks. He also said that half the money would be paid in advance, and the rest after the delivery of the consignment.

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Bhinder's second attempt to send arms in India (1992)

S No.	Weapon Name
1	C-4 plastic explosive
2	M-16s
3	A.K.-47s
4	Detonators
5	Night-vision goggles
6	Mobile communications equipment
7	Remote-control equipment
8	Grenade
9	Rocket launchers
10	Stinger missiles.

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However, two weeks later, Bhinder abruptly cancelled the contact, saying that he had a *'funny feeling that something was wrong'.* He also told the weapon agent that 'we have been burnt before'. Bhinder was apparently referring to the weapon that were caught by the Indian agencies.

Either Bhinder's instinct were super-fine or he had some insiders in US agencies.

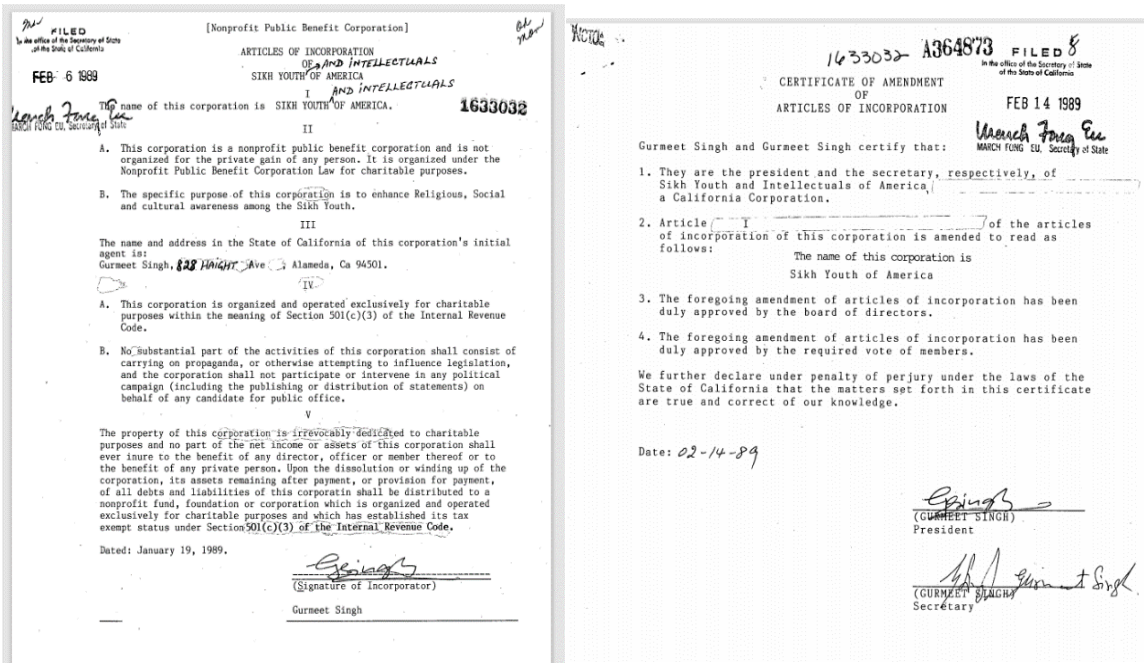
The weapon dealer was a US Customs under-cover agent, who had got the whiff of Bhinder's quest of big scale weapons. The Custom Agent's report stated that the US Customs Service stopped probing into Bhinder and co. as nothing more could be yielded from their previous investigation, and further investment of time and money was not feasible for them any longer. After cancelling the deal, Bhinder visited Pakistan, and returned back only after six months.

These weapon deals seem to have gone unnoticed by the Indian government despite tagging him in their blacklist for over a decade. Bhinder still resides in California, USA, and runs various organizations that criticizes and demeans India at a global scale and also conducts events with his allies Pieter and others with the similar agenda against India.

Chapter 3: The Lord of Drug and other Small Things

A report by Malcolm Gay, a journalist from California-based East Bay Express delineates the stories revolving around the Fremont Gurdwara in California and its faltered history during the 1990s. In his report named *'Singh v/s Singh'* he revealed the events that took place involving Bhinder, who was then serving as the president of Fremont Gurdwara and also associated with the pro-Khalistani group Sikh Youth of America.

The Sikh Youth of America was founded by Gurmeet Singh in February 1989, which was later taken over by Bhinder on September 5, 2008.



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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF SIKH YOUTH OF AMERICA AND INTELLECTUALS

I

The name of this corporation is SIKH YOUTH OF AMERICA AND INTELLECTUALS. 1633032

II

A. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to enhance Religious, Social and cultural awareness among the Sikh Youth.

III

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent is:
Gurmeet Singh, 838 HAIGHT Ave , Alameda, Ca 94501.

IV

A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

V

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporatin shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Dated: January 19, 1989.

(Signature of Incorporator)

Gurmeet Singh

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
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Gurmeet Singh and Gurmeet Singh certify that:

1. They are the president and the secretary, respectively, of Sikh Youth and Intellectuals of America, a California Corporation.

2. Article I of the articles of incorporation of this corporation is amended to read as follows:

The name of this corporation is

Sikh Youth of America

3. The foregoing amendment of articles of incorporation has been duly approved by the board of directors.

4. The foregoing amendment of articles of incorporation has been duly approved by the required vote of members.

We further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of our knowledge.

Date: 02-14-89

(GURMEET SINGH)
President

(GURMEET SINGH)
Secretary

Sikh Youth of America registration by Gurmeet Singh in 1999

Capturing Fremont Gurudwara

Gurdwara Sahib Fremont, one of the most influential Sikh Gurudwara in California was built on a plot that was valued over $4 million and also had cash reserves with an approximate value of $1 million (as of 2003). Besides, it was also a financial center for over six thousand congregants who donated money.

However, it had its own turbulent past that saw bloodsheds, internal feud and even gun-shooting in 1994!

One fine morning of September 29, 1996, a group of Sikh Youth of America headed into the temple and rebuked the Supreme Council in front of the whole congregation, stating that the members of the council shall step down and they would take over the administration of the Gurdwara. The arguments soon escalated into a brutal fight involving pulling of beards, tearing down of turbans, grappling, slapping, and punching. The clash was recorded on a

video tape that saw the sacred podium getting stained with blood. It was so violent the police had to be called to Gurudwara to defuse the tension.

The intruders however had carried the day.

Bhinder was Gurudwara President in 1992. He had brought Jandi and Chela in by 1997. They declared themselves as the new Supreme Council of the Gurdwara. Two years later, Jaswinder Singh Jandi became the president, while Jasjeet Singh Chela became his closest advisor and played a side yet significant role in all the decisions. The Supreme Council also installed some members of Sikh Youth of America whose sole purpose was the creation of Khalistan.

Soon after they took over the Fremont Gurudwara, accusation about financial irregularities started surfacing. Since the donation account was tax-free, it allowed them to get away from any financial audit. However, some members of the congregation accused Jandi and Chela of misusing the temple funds amounting to $1 million. In another incident, the Council had claimed to procure artifacts worth $10k donated to the temple in charity, which provoked one of the Gurdwara volunteers Sukhdev Singh. In retaliation, Chela and his men beat Sukhdev to shut him up and also to instill fear amongst the congregation.

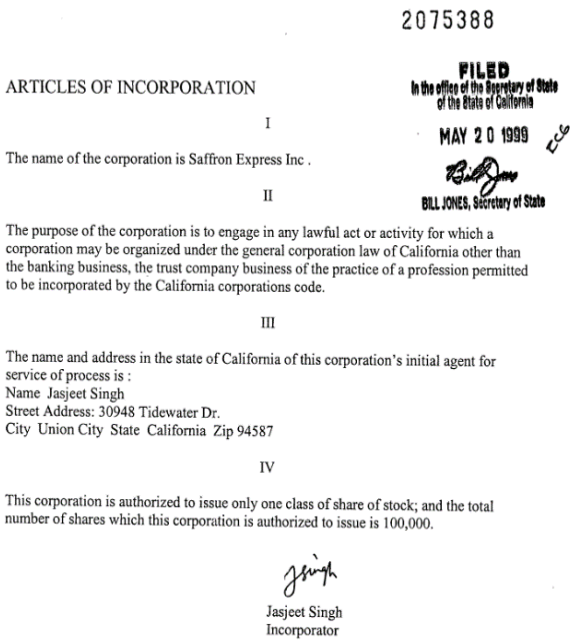
The group then monopolized their control over Gurudwara, and refused to hold elections till 2003, when the local Court had to intercede in the Gurudwara affairs. Bhinder tried his best to oppose the elections, but lost. Once the elections took place in 2003, the group was ousted from the Gurudwara.

Saffron Express

Around the same time, a Special DEA Agent Tim Lum SA has been investigating a trans-border drug cartel, which was also connected to Bhinder's Network.

On 20th May 1999, Jasjeet Singh Chela registered a trucking company Saffron Express Inc. with Jaswinder Jandi and Gurtej Singh as board members. The trio was also part of the Gurdwara's council and also associated with the Sikh Youth of America – under patronage of Bhinder.

The report notes that they knew each other back in India at the Indian National Sports Institute in Patiala, Punjab where, Jasjeet Chela taught water polo, Jai Singh gave training of handball, Gurtej Singh was a javelin thrower, and Bhajan Bhinder was a wrestler.



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I

The name of the corporation is Saffron Express Inc .

II

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the general corporation law of California other than the banking business, the trust company business of the practice of a profession permitted to be incorporated by the California corporations code.

III

The name and address in the state of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is :
Name Jasjeet Singh
Street Address: 30948 Tidewater Dr.
City Union City State California Zip 94587

IV

This corporation is authorized to issue only one class of share of stock; and the total number of shares which this corporation is authorized to issue is 100,000.

Jasjeet Singh
Incorporator

Saffron Express registration papers in 1999
https://businesssearch.sos.ca.gov/Document/RetrievePDF?Id=02075388-4742730[15]

It was not merely a coincidence that while there was constant accusation of financial irregularities from Fremont Gurdwara, at the same time the Saffron Express was raking in an annual gross income of $5 million to $6 million – which was also owned by the same set of people.

East Indian Drug Ring

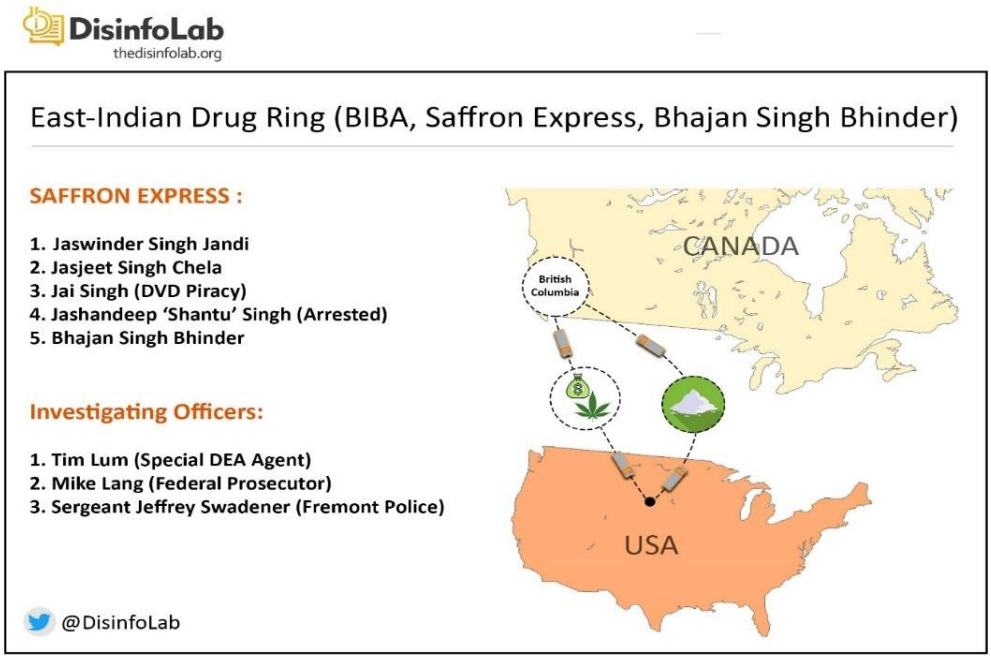
On one usual day of business, a vehicle inspector of Washington DC caught a truck which was 266 miles away from its planned route. The truck was supposed to deliver a shipment, which also contained 238 pounds of narcotics. The driver of the truck, Jashandeep 'Shantu' Singh was a subcontractor of Saffron Express, who was headed from Vancouver to Los Angeles with the shipment. The incident led the Drugs and Enforcement Administration (DEA) to the conclusion that Shantu Singh was a part of the infamous East Indian Drug Ring that operated between British Columbia and the US. The cocaine was transported to the North, while Marijuana and cash came down to South.

Another Federal prosecutor in the case Mike Lang stated that he had seen a similar drug operating ring a decade ago involving Sikhs.

[15] https://businesssearch.sos.ca.gov/Document/RetrievePDF?Id=02075388-4742730

To quote, *'the number of East Indians we've seen has exploded. Typically, it's headed to California, but also Chicago and New York.... I would guess we're catching 10 percent. Most of the people being caught are runners.'*.

With the arrest of Jashandeep Shantu Singh, Saffron Express Inc. had come under the radar of the DEA.



To read the full report, click here: http://www.sikhtimes.com/news_111903a.html[16]

Bhinder, who owned BIBA insurance, which was providing insurance to Saffron Express came in defense, claiming that the truck was not owned by Saffron. But the investigations further revealed that the bills of lading, fuel receipts, and expense vouchers recovered from them established that the trip was indeed undertaken by Saffron Express.

In his report, Lum also alleged that Saffron Express owners Jandi and Chela used 'carrot and stick' on Sandhu –threating Shantu and his family and also giving $100k to keep silent on the narcotics episode.

Lum has noted in his report that the money was embezzled from the Fremont Gurdwara for that purpose. During his interrogations recorded on a tape, Chela had revealed that the Sikh Youth of America was in full control of the temple and also the money that came as donation from the congregation. That helped the Supreme council of the temple to misuse the money for in different place.

[16] http://www.sikhtimes.com/news_111903a.html

DVD Piracy and Terror Funding

Several reports have documented how the DVD piracy is used in terror funding, particularly from Pakistan. The Bhinder and Company were also part of this design, from the US. Jai Singh, another accomplice of Bhinder was interrogated on the charges of DVD piracy on June 5, 2003 at the Saffron Express' property by undercover investigator Brett Sua. During the interactions, amongst other things Jai Singh had confided that he wanted to help his friend Shantu Singh to flee US, who was caught for transporting *'Three hundred pounds of marijuana.'*

Chela's & Jai Singh's Arrest

On the morning of October 14, 2003, a US undercover agent posed as a Sikh entered the Saffron Express office seeking a job. He had come to arrest only Jai Singh, but got lucky. He also found Chela of Saffron Express. Soon after confirming the presence of both, hundreds of agents from the D.E.A., F.B.I., Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as well as the Fremont Police Department stormed into the property. They had initially come to arrest Jai Singh for pirating DVDs and for 'forcing the local shop owners to keep his wares', but also found Chela, who was already under the scrutiny of agent Tim Lum, they arrested both on the charges of immigration fraud and DVD piracy respectively.

Tim Lum, the DEA agent who led the investigation against Chela, not only accused him of immigration fraud, but he also filed a declaration in the court to establish the connection between Chela and Khalistani terrorists.

The Case: In the early 1990s, both Chela and Jai Singh had arrived in the USA and applied for a political asylum. The officials rejected Jai Singh's application, while Chela didn't appear in the asylum hearing. The evidence against Chela for committing immigration fraud came during 1996 when he applied for Indian passport. Jai Singh was already being tracked by a private investigator hired by the Eros International in case of DVD piracy. Jai Singh had worked for Eros, before getting terminated and started the of DVD piracy of the Bollywood movies.)

Read the full report here: http://www.sikhtimes.com/news_101603a.html[17]

Jasjeet Singh Chela was locked behind the bars of the federal detention center, while Jai Singh awaited the trail for DVD piracy. How and when the trial ended for Jai Singh is not clear, but he emerged as a Big Event management entity subsequently.

[17] http://www.sikhtimes.com/news_101603a.html

Chapter 4 -The Puppet & the Puppeteer

A timeline of Pieter Friedrich & his activities

Pieter Friedrich, born in a devout Christian family, whose mother runs a religious organization becomes a Sikh Youth Activist. He worked as a security guard when he was a 17-year-old. He had virtually no connections with the Indian subcontinent until he met Bhajan Bhinder@Iqbal Chowdhary.

By 2007, in his early 20s, Pieter associated himself with Sikh Information Centre, an organization co-owned by Bhinder presently. The same year Pieter registered a company in his name called the Organization for Minorities of India (OMFI) ostensibly to take up the cause of Indian minorities. Friedrich was not only advisor and spokesperson for OFMI, he was also the founder of OFMI. The organization was later taken over by Bhinder in 2013. Pieter also registered a transport company, Safety Net Transpo in 2007, only to be taken over by Bhinder in 2010 in a similar pattern.

Around the same period Masquerading as Pieter Flanigan, Pieter also became a representative of *Gandhism.net*, a website created for demeaning Gandhi and his ideologies. The website was jointly run by Pieter and Bhinder in the name of Peter Flanigan.

The duo also started penning books together, and it is worthwhile to note that the company that has published all the books by Bhinder and Pieter is Bhinder's company, which was set up in 2007. It is also worthwhile to note that in 2007 Bhajan Singh Bhinder@Iqbal Choudhary was a designated terrorist in India.

It is indeed peculiar, where an individual with no prior association with India in any form would suddenly acquire so much expertise to start penning books at a lightning speed after he comes in association with Bhinder. He would also acquire such visceral hatred for Mahatma Gandhi, a global icon of non-violence, to make opposing his ideas and insulting him as mission of his life.

It was only after 2011, when Bhinder was taken off the blacklist of the Indian government, that he gradually started taking over the companies that were either registered in the names of the core members of the Sikh Youth Federation or Pieter Friedrich.

Pieter Friedrich also continued with his name-changing scheme until he hit the mainstream on what he is known by today. Not only did he write his first two books as Patrick J Nevers in 2011, he also kept himself associated with OFMI and Sikh Information Centre by the name Pieter Singh (2011 & 2013). He further used an internet identity that went by the name Singh of Judah between 2015-2019. All of this clearly indicates how he has mastered the art of deceiving the world by using fake identities, just to cover for his deep fathomed link with Bhinder.

Bhinder who was under the scrutiny of the Indian government at the time, was using Pieter with different identities in leading the anti-Gandhi and pro-Khalistani movements across the United States.

As the years have passed by, Bhinder has evolved, and so has his methods. Starting with instigating terrorism in India, through the years, he has resorted to using henchmen such as Pieter Friedrich, disguised under different identities, to wage a psychological warfare against India.

Pieter Friedrich left no stones unturned in making use of all his different identities and assisting Bhinder in his shady deeds. Their obvious linkage with common companies, which both acquired in different timelines, is more than a proof to establish their common agendas.

1. **OFMI.org:** Aware of the power words possess, Bhinder decided to harness the influence of media to subtly propagate his nefarious motives. He acquired Organization for Minorities of India (OFMI) to use it as a medium for bashing the Gandhi ideologies, and Hinduism, under the façade of voicing support for the minority sections of the society.

The company was initially registered by Pieter Friedrich in 2007, a 22-year-old with no prior links with the India subcontinent whatsoever. But for some reason, he took hold of a company, set-up in the name of *'supporting minorities'* of the country, having no ties with it.

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ENTITY NAME (End the name with the words "Limited Liability Company, "Ltd. Liability Co." or the abbreviations "LLC" or "L.L.C.")

1 NAME OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Organization for Minorities of India, LLC

PURPOSES (The following state is required by statute and may not be altered)

2 THE PURPOSE OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IS TO ENGAGE IN ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY FOR WHICH A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE BEVERLY-KILLEA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

INITIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS (If the agent is an individual, the agent must reside in California and both Items 3 and 4 must be completed. If the agent is a corporation, the agent must have on file with the California Secretary of State a certificate pursuant to Corporations Code section 1505 and item 3 must be completed (leave item 4 blank)

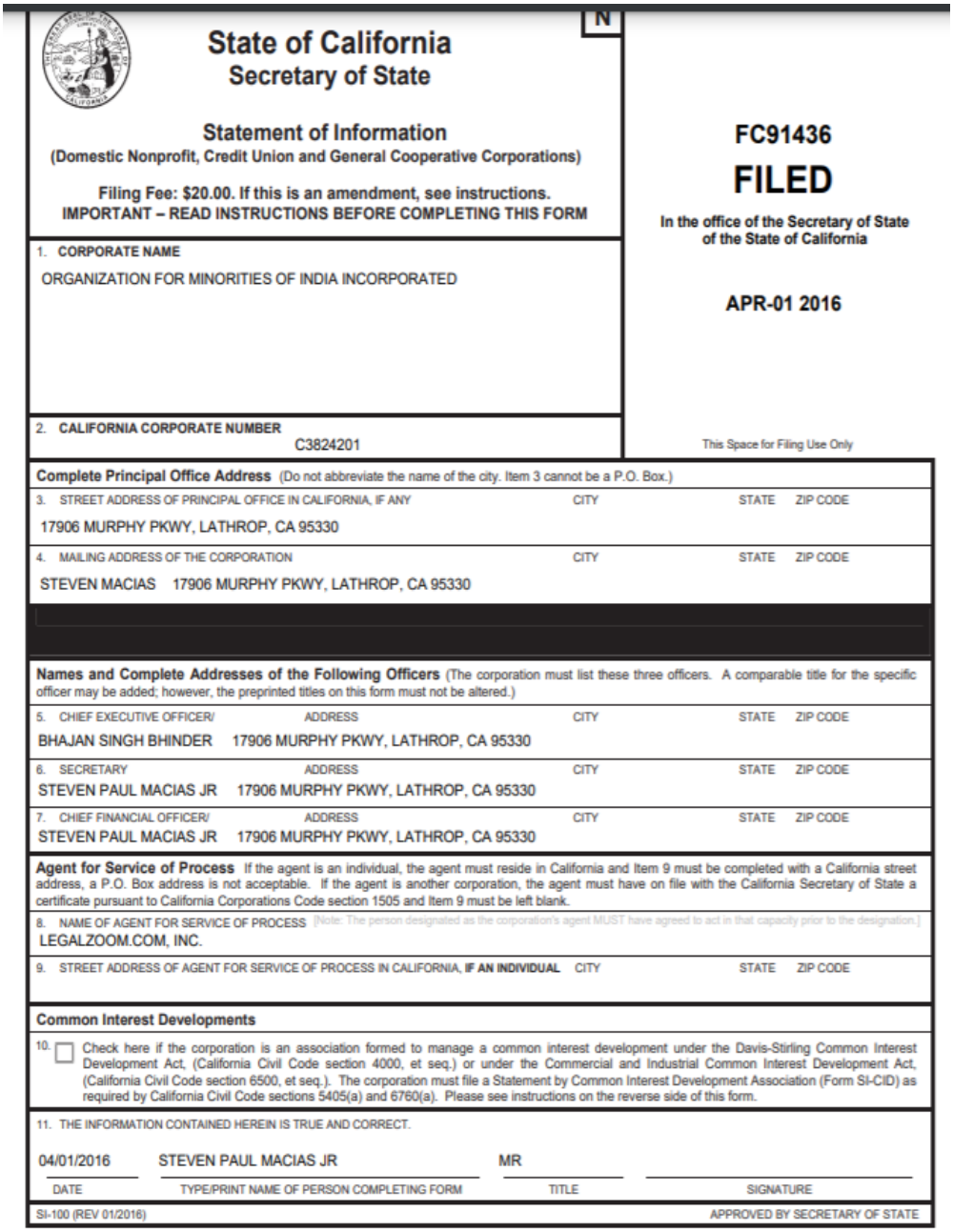
3 NAME OF INTIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
Pieter Friedrich

4 IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ADDRESS OF INITIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
5261 Hollow Lane	**Greenwood**	**CA**	**95635**

(OFMI registration by Pieter Friedrich document in 2007)

But in 2013, the company was taken over by Bhinder, who posed as its CEO. Friedrich signed in as an advisor of the organization, acquiring the name Pieter Singh.

Three years later in 2016, Bhinder removed Pieter Friedrich from the OFMI's administration, and instead brought in Pieter's brother-in-law, Steve Macias Jr. (a pastor by profession) as CFO and secretary.



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Statement of Information
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1. **CORPORATE NAME**
ORGANIZATION FOR MINORITIES OF INDIA INCORPORATED

2. **CALIFORNIA CORPORATE NUMBER**
C3824201

Complete Principal Office Address (Do not abbreviate the name of the city. Item 3 cannot be a P.O. Box.)

3. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA, IF ANY — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
17906 MURPHY PKWY, LATHROP, CA 95330

4. MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
STEVEN MACIAS 17906 MURPHY PKWY, LATHROP, CA 95330

Names and Complete Addresses of the Following Officers (The corporation must list these three officers. A comparable title for the specific officer may be added; however, the preprinted titles on this form must not be altered.)

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
BHAJAN SINGH BHINDER 17906 MURPHY PKWY, LATHROP, CA 95330

6. SECRETARY — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
STEVEN PAUL MACIAS JR 17906 MURPHY PKWY, LATHROP, CA 95330

7. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
STEVEN PAUL MACIAS JR 17906 MURPHY PKWY, LATHROP, CA 95330

Agent for Service of Process If the agent is an individual, the agent must reside in California and Item 9 must be completed with a California street address, a P.O. Box address is not acceptable. If the agent is another corporation, the agent must have on file with the California Secretary of State a certificate pursuant to California Corporations Code section 1505 and Item 9 must be left blank.

8. NAME OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS [Note: The person designated as the corporation's agent MUST have agreed to act in that capacity prior to the designation.]
LEGALZOOM.COM, INC.

9. STREET ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA, **IF AN INDIVIDUAL** — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE

Common Interest Developments

10. ☐ Check here if the corporation is an association formed to manage a common interest development under the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act, (California Civil Code section 4000, et seq.) or under the Commercial and Industrial Common Interest Development Act, (California Civil Code section 6500, et seq.). The corporation must file a Statement by Common Interest Development Association (Form SI-CID) as required by California Civil Code sections 5405(a) and 6760(a). Please see instructions on the reverse side of this form.

11. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

04/01/2016	STEVEN PAUL MACIAS JR	MR	
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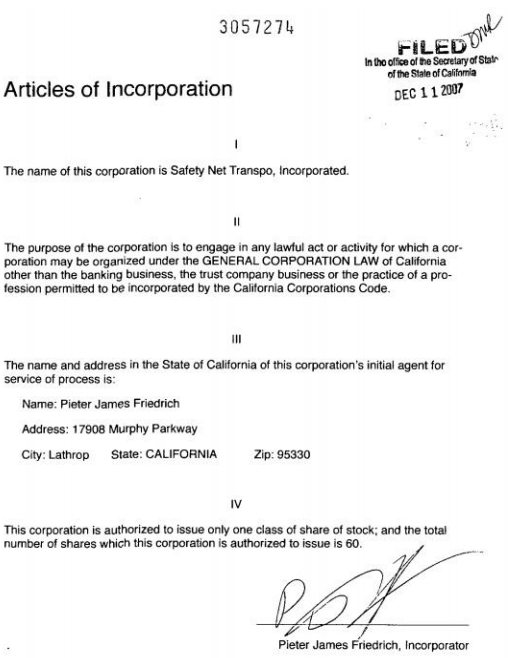
(OFMI registration by Bhajan Singh Bhinder in 2016)

If indeed Pieter established the OFMI all by himself, it is not clear why did Pieter dissociated himself and handed over the reins of the organization to a wanted (in India) terrorist, and worked in collaboration with him. Pieter Friedrich and his brother-in-law worked with in close association with Bhinder to vilify India and its governance by amplifying Dalit movements and anti-Gandhi protests by using OFMI as the platform.

[Indian Minorities Call Hanging of Ambedkar Beside Gandhi an "Unspeakable Insult" Organization for Minorities of India (archive.is)](#) [18]

2. **Safety Net Transpo:** OFMI was not the only entity the two had common ties with. Both, Bhinder and Friedrich incorporated a transport company together - Safety Net Transpo, registered in the name of Pieter Friedrich in 2007. It was later acquired by Bhinder in 2010 as CEO.



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Articles of Incorporation

I

The name of this corporation is Safety Net Transpo, Incorporated.

II

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the GENERAL CORPORATION LAW of California other than the banking business, the trust company business or the practice of a profession permitted to be incorporated by the California Corporations Code.

III

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Name: Pieter James Friedrich

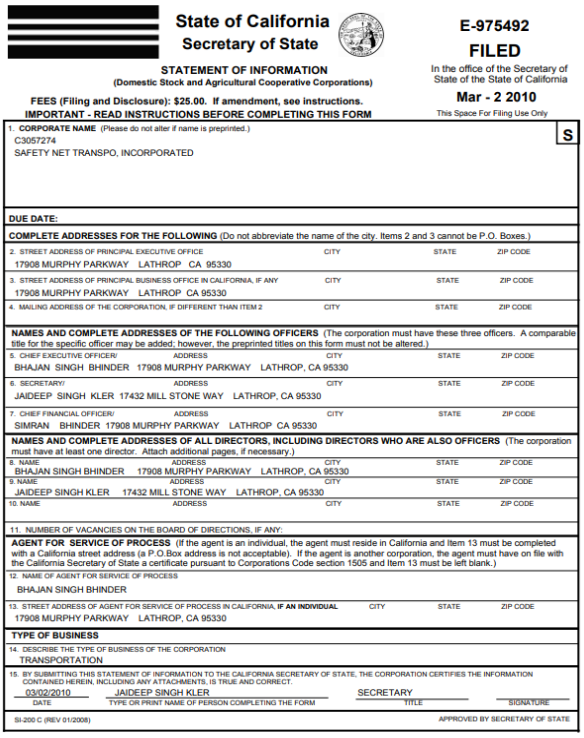
Address: 17908 Murphy Parkway

City: Lathrop State: CALIFORNIA Zip: 95330

IV

This corporation is authorized to issue only one class of share of stock; and the total number of shares which this corporation is authorized to issue is 60.

Pieter James Friedrich, Incorporator



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1. CORPORATE NAME (Please do not alter if name is preprinted.) S
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SAFETY NET TRANSPO, INCORPORATED

DUE DATE:

COMPLETE ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING (Do not abbreviate the name of the city. Items 2 and 3 cannot be P.O. Boxes.)

2. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP CA 95330

3. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA, IF ANY — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP CA 95330

4. MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION, IF DIFFERENT THAN ITEM 2 — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE

NAMES AND COMPLETE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS (The corporation must have these three officers. A comparable title for the specific officer may be added; however, the preprinted titles on this form must not be altered.)

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
BHAJAN SINGH BHINDER 17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP, CA 95330

6. SECRETARY/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
JAIDEEP SINGH KLER 17432 MILL STONE WAY LATHROP, CA 95330

7. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
SIMRAN BHINDER 17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP CA 95330

NAMES AND COMPLETE ADDRESSES OF ALL DIRECTORS, INCLUDING DIRECTORS WHO ARE ALSO OFFICERS (The corporation must have at least one director. Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

8. NAME — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
BHAJAN SINGH BHINDER 17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP, CA 95330

9. NAME — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
JAIDEEP SINGH KLER 17432 MILL STONE WAY LATHROP, CA 95330

10. NAME — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE

11. NUMBER OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTIONS, IF ANY:

AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS (If the agent is an individual, the agent must reside in California and Item 13 must be completed with a California street address (a P.O.Box address is not acceptable). If the agent is another corporation, the agent must have on file with the California Secretary of State a certificate pursuant to Corporations Code section 1505 and Item 13 must be left blank.)

12. NAME OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
BHAJAN SINGH BHINDER

13. STREET ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA, IF AN INDIVIDUAL — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP, CA 95330

TYPE OF BUSINESS

14. DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF BUSINESS OF THE CORPORATION
TRANSPORTATION

15. BY SUBMITTING THIS STATEMENT OF INFORMATION TO THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE, THE CORPORATION CERTIFIES THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY ATTACHMENTS, IS TRUE AND CORRECT.
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JAIDEEP SINGH KLER — TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THE FORM
SECRETARY — TITLE
SIGNATURE

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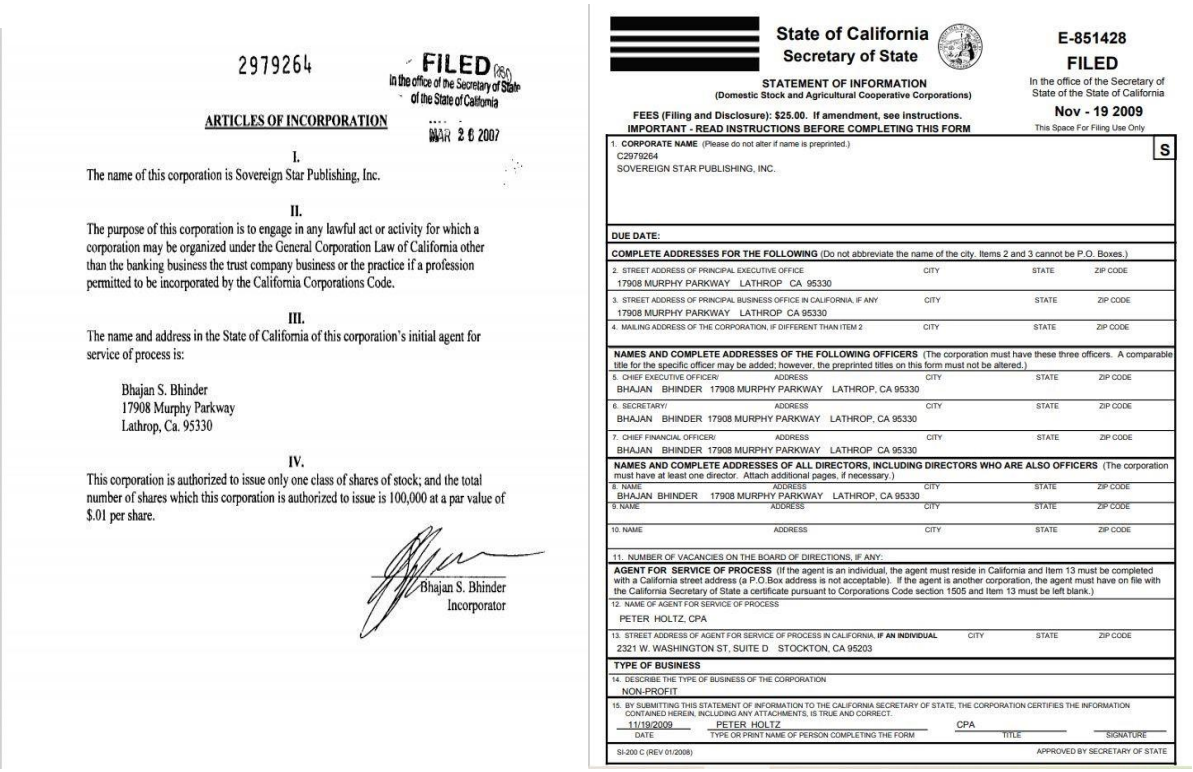
Pieter Friedrich registered Safety Net Transpo in 2007 & *Safety Net Transpo registration by Bhinder in 2010*

3. **Sovereign Star Publishing:** The ulterior agenda behind incorporating this company was to publish and distribute all the books co-authored by Bhinder and Pieter Friedrich between 2011-2020. The company was first registered in 2007 in the name of Bhinder, who became its CEO, CFO and secretary in 2009.

[18] Indian Minorities Call Hanging of Ambedkar Beside Gandhi an "Unspeakable Insult" Organization for Minorities of India (archive.is)



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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

I.

The name of this corporation is Sovereign Star Publishing, Inc.

II.

The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the General Corporation Law of California other than the banking business the trust company business or the practice if a profession permitted to be incorporated by the California Corporations Code.

III.

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Bhajan S. Bhinder
17908 Murphy Parkway
Lathrop, Ca. 95330

IV.

This corporation is authorized to issue only one class of shares of stock; and the total number of shares which this corporation is authorized to issue is 100,000 at a par value of $.01 per share.

Bhajan S. Bhinder
Incorporator

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1. CORPORATE NAME (Please do not alter if name is preprinted.) S
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SOVEREIGN STAR PUBLISHING, INC.

DUE DATE:

COMPLETE ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING (Do not abbreviate the name of the city. Items 2 and 3 cannot be P.O. Boxes.)

2. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP CA 95330

3. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA, IF ANY — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP CA 95330

4. MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION, IF DIFFERENT THAN ITEM 2 — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE

NAMES AND COMPLETE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS (The corporation must have these three officers. A comparable title for the specific officer may be added; however, the preprinted titles on this form must not be altered.)

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
BHAJAN BHINDER 17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP, CA 95330

6. SECRETARY/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
BHAJAN BHINDER 17908 MURPHY PARKWAY LATHROP, CA 95330

7. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
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NAMES AND COMPLETE ADDRESSES OF ALL DIRECTORS, INCLUDING DIRECTORS WHO ARE ALSO OFFICERS (The corporation must have at least one director. Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

8. NAME — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
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9. NAME — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE

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12. NAME OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS
PETER HOLTZ, CPA

13. STREET ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA, IF AN INDIVIDUAL — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
2321 W. WASHINGTON ST, SUITE D STOCKTON, CA 95203

TYPE OF BUSINESS

14. DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF BUSINESS OF THE CORPORATION
NON-PROFIT

15. BY SUBMITTING THIS STATEMENT OF INFORMATION TO THE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE, THE CORPORATION CERTIFIES THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY ATTACHMENTS, IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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Sovereign Star Publishing Inc. registration by Bhajan Singh Bhinder in 2007 & 2009

The house published the first book *"The Faces of Terror in India",* written by Pieter Friedrich under the pen-name Patrick J Nevers, also co-authored by Bhinder. Sovereign Star publishing went on to publish six more books written by Bhinder and Pieter Friedrich. All books published by the SS Publication has just one theme - vilifying India and denting its image.

It is also interesting to note that Sovereign Star Publishing is only one of his nine companies, Bhinder has associated himself with from the day one. He registered the company on March 28, 2007, to becoming its full time CEO on November 19, 2009. Pieter Friedrich became Secretary of the Sovereign Star Publishing on July 28, 2017. The company is currently forfeited by the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) for failing to comply by the Tax requirements.

Chapter 5: Bhajan Singh Bhinder and Pakistan Nexus

Bhajan Singh Bhinder's link with Pakistan has surfaced several times since the 1990s. When Lal Singh was plotting to execute terrorist activities against India during the 90s, Bhinder acted as his fiduciary. He funded the terror activities in India at that time, ascertaining his link with Lal Singh.

Even after the failure of Lal Singh's, Bhinder did not back off from attempting to transfer arms and ammunition to India for carrying out terrorist activities in the country. As noted earlier, Bhinder attempted to send weapons and explosives to India again in 1992. The same year the Indian government had apprehended Lal Singh.

Balbir Singh Dhillon's arrest and Sikh Information Centre (SIC)

The press release issued by the Punjab police on May 22nd, 1996 stated the arrest of a US citizen Balbir Singh Dhillon on the charges of carrying one kilogram of RDX in his in Jalandhar. Subsequently police arrested another extremist Balbir Singh at a Police Naka, near his native village Salala. Soon after the arrest, Balbir's family contacted the Human Rights Wing of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), comprising three members, Mr. Harshinder Singh (Advocate), Mr Amrik Singh, and Mr Jaspal Singh for investigating the matter.

Arrest of Balbir Singh Dhillon

The Panjab Police issued a press release to the newspapers on 22nd May, 1996, about the arrest of Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon. Mr. Dinkar Gupta SSP Jalandhar, claimed that Mr. Balbir Singh a U.S. Citizen, who was visiting India, was apprehended at a Police `Naka' near his native village Salala, on the outskirts of Jalandhar. Mr. Balbir Singh was allegedly carrying one kilo of black RDX in his car. Family sources and friends of Mr. Balbir Singh refuted the police version, and approached the Human Rights Wing to investigate the matter. A 3 member team of the Human Rights Wing consisting of Mr. Harshinder Singh (Advocate), Mr. Amrik Singh and Mr. Jaspal Singh, visited Jalandhar, and apart from Mr. Balbir Singh, also met, other persons concerned with this case. The report is as follows:

Read the full report here: *https://www.congress.gov/crec/1996/07/29/modified/CREC-1996-07-29-pt1-PgE1393.htm*[19]

The SAD Human Rights Wing came up with a report that said:

Balbir Singh Dhillon, 44, is a US citizen and an engineer by profession. He had visited India with his father Dilbagh Dhillon on April 4th, 1996 to meet his family in Punjab. Back in the

[19] *https://www.congress.gov/crec/1996/07/29/modified/CREC-1996-07-29-pt1-PgE1393.htm*

US, Balbir Singh Dhillon was an active member of Sikh Youth of America, which aimed at the creation of a separate land of Khalistan from India. Four days later, on April 8th, 1996, Dhillon and his father joined the Sikh pilgrims to visit some historical Gurdwaras in Pakistan on the eve of Baisakhi. The pilgrim returned to India from Pakistan on April 18th, 1996 while Dhillon further visited other historical Gurdwaras in India including Nanded in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

After going for site-seeing to various places in India, Dhillon returned to his village on May 17th, 1996. A few days later, he was arrested and handed over to Adampur police on the charges of possessing one kilogram of RDX and was also booked for providing information on the Indian defense and other vital information to Pakistan. However, with the intervention of Human Rights Wing (HRW) and some US Congress members, he was released within six months. It should be noted that during this time politically India was going through several transition with coalition governments.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

I

The name of this corporation is Sikh Information Centre

II

A. This corporation is a nonprofit **PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION** and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for:

( ) **public** purposes
or ( ) **charitable** purposes
or (x) **public and charitable** purpose

B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to enhance the understanding, from a Sikh perspective, of the religious, social, political, economic and environmental positions of the Sikh community.

III

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Name Balbir Singh Dhillon
Address 1600 Arden Way
City Sacramento State CALIFORNIA Zip ~~95815~~ 95815

IV

A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for **charitable** purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office

V

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to **charitable** purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for **charitable** purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 50 (c)(3), Internal Revenue Code

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Balbir Singh Dhillon, Incorporator

Sikh Information Centre registration by Balbir Singh Dhillon

Ten years after the release, Dhillon registered a company - Sikh Information Centre (SIC), in 2004. Pieter and Bhinder have remained associated with SIC since its formation. Pieter was the Executive Director of Sikh Information Centre since 2007. Bhinder also joined the board of members as the secretary of the organization in February 2020. Both Bhinder and Dhillon are also members of the Sikh Youth of America. Dhillon was the treasurer of Sikh Youth of America and later, went on to become the President of Sikh Temple Sacramento.

Balbir Singh Dhillon as President of Sikh Temple Sacramento

Amrik Singh, Bhinder and OFMI

Amrik Singh was one of the three chairmen of the Human Rights Wing (Shiromani Akali Dal) that probed into the arrest of Balbir Singh Dhillon. As the Vice-chairman of HRW in 1996, he drafted a report defending Dhillon. With the intervention of HRW and 58 congressional members in the USA, the Indian government was forced to release Dhillon. Amrik Singh has also been a close associate of Bhinder through - OFMI. Amrik Singh is currently a professor of Punjabi and Ethnic studies at Sacramento University.

Amrik Singh with Steve Macias in 2015
(https://sikhsiyasat.in/republic-day-obama-and-the-illusion-of-religious-freedom-in-india-a-panel-discussion-by-ofmi/)[20]

Amrik Singh attended an event at the Trinity Anglican Church in 2017 along with Pieter Friedrich, his brother-in-law Steve Macias and All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation (BAMCEF) Vice President Manisha Bangar. Amrik Singh has been seen with Manisha Bangar on various occasions, discussing the life of minorities and religious freedom in India.

Amrik Singh (third from left) with Pieter Friedrich, Manisha Bangar and Steve Macias in 2017
(http://www.ofmi.org/anglican-church-hosts-seminar-on-religious-persecution-in-india/)[21]

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Presently, he is the founder of the Sikh Council of Central California, and closely associated with the vice president of BAMCEF, Dr. Manisha Bangar. Moreover, he also has good ties with Pakistani organizations.

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Dr. Manish Bangar,
A Block HNO: 904 Jalvayu Towers,
Near Vartha Office,
HYDERABAD 500080, Telangana, India.

Respected Manisha ji,

GurFateh,

The 550th Birth Anniversary of the Founder of Sikh Religion, SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI is being celebrated all over the world. Many countries and World Bodies, including United States Congress and United Nations Organization have already paid tributes to SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI. He was the champion of HUMAN RIGHTS in the 15th century, who advocated EQUALITY of all humans including women, love and service to the mankind and other human values.

Special functions are being held in Sikh Temples and elsewhere In this connection across USA & World. Many states in USA and City Councils have honored SRI GURU NANAK and the Sikh Community by passing Proclamation's in this respect.

In this regard the SIKH COUNCIL OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, INC has planned a program in the form of a **EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE LIFE AND PHILOSOPHY OF SRI GURU NANK DEV JI**, to be held at the Satellite Students Union Hall, California State University Fresno, 2485 E San Ramon Fresno. The program will be from 10.30 AM to 3.30 PM on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The Speakers will be speaking on the 'LIFE & PHILOSPY' of GURU NANAK" and HIS efforts to bring equality, love, service, peace and mutual respect in the human race.

Refer to our conversations on phone and your credentials received by us and our earlier e mail on the subject to you confirming that the Sikh Council has approved your name as one of the Speakers on the said Seminar.

We are delighted to extend you an Invitation as SPEAKER for the Seminar on the Life & Philosophy of Sri GURU NANAK DEV JI on the date and time mentioned above. You are requested to make necessary arrangements to join us on the Seminar Day. Sikh Council will bear the cost of your Return economy Air Ticket from Hyderabad, Health Insurance for the visit period, Boarding & Lodging or any other incidental expenses.

We look forward to Meeting you in Fresno California on Saturday March 14, 2020.

With warm Regards,

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Asst. Gen. Secretary
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E mail: sukhdev.cheema@yahoo.com

Amrik Singh inviting Dr. Manisha Bangar for 550th Birth anniversary of SRI GURUNANAK DEV

In fact, he has visited Pakistan on various occasions including once in July 2020. An organization by the name **South Asia Research Institute for Minorities** based out of Karachi, Pakistan had invited Amrik Singh during one of their events in July 2020. (*This organization should be of interest in future.*)

Amrik Singh's visit to Pakistan in 2020 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJp2sgQutTs&feature=youtu.be)[22]

Association with Pakistan Mission

Bhinder has also been associated with the Pakistan consulate general Abdul Jabbar Memon. Bhinder met the consulate on April 6, 2018, and presented him with his latest publishing *'Captivating the Simple Hearts'*.

(Bhajan Singh Bhinder with Pakistan General Consulate Abdul Jabbar Memon in US) Facebook[23]

[22] *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJp2sgQutTs&feature=youtu.be*
[23] *Facebook*

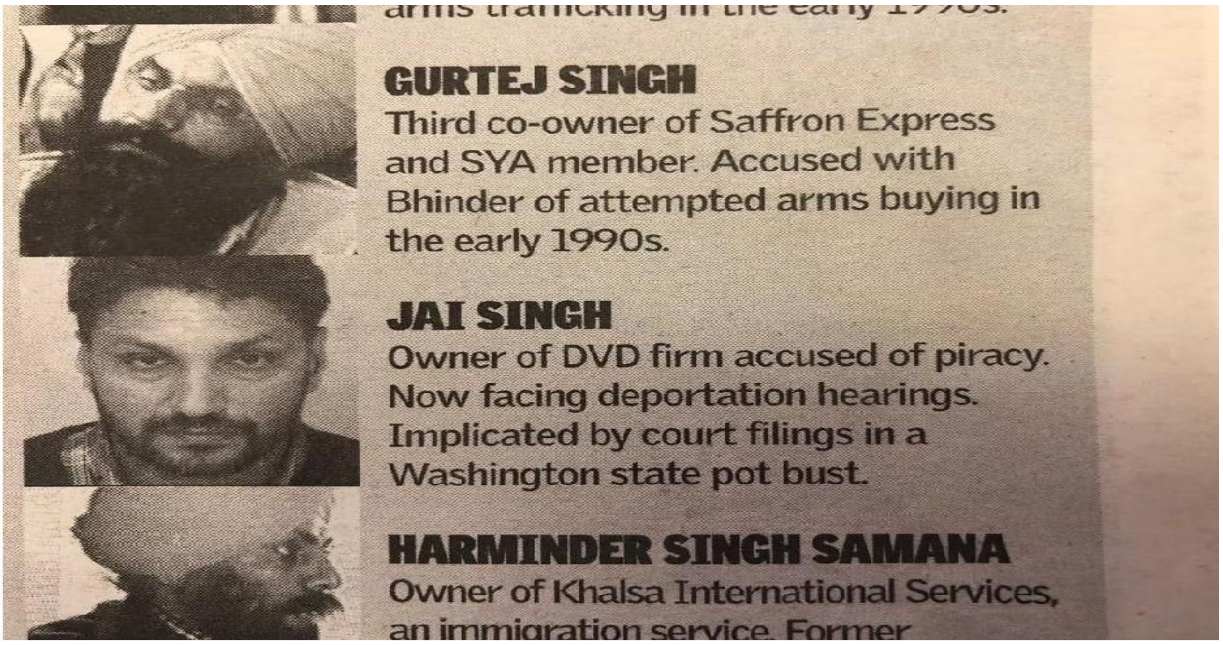
Jai Singh and his Connections with Pakistan

Jai Singh was arrested by Federal agents in 2003 in the DVD piracy case. He used to work at Eros International, but his employment was terminated by the company for the same reason. He was arrested along with Jasjeet Singh Chela (arrested on the charges of immigration fraud) from the Saffron Express office.

At present he resides in California and also owns Jai Entertainment, an event management company based out of San Francisco. He also projects good relations with the prominent Indian actors and Bollywood singers who go and perform in US in the events organized by his company.

Jai Singh with prominent artists of India and Pakistan

He is tagged as a fugitive from the last 30 years and even listed as 'Wanted' by the Chandigarh police in India. He was pro-active during the 1980s for promoting the Khalistan movement and joined a group in Fremont Gurdwara, along with Jaswinder Singh Jandi, Jasjeet Singh Chela, Gurtej Singh and Bhajan Singh Bhinder.



Jai Singh and Gurtej Singh in 2003

His company "Jai Entertainment" organizes events in the US for the Bollywood celebrities along with a Pakistan-origin RJ & Bollywood event manager Rehan Siddiqui. Both Siddiqui and Jai Singh have been seen together in various organized events. In fact, both of them are close to each other and work together, while Rehan also owns a radio channel in Houston, Texas. Rehan has organized over 400 successful concerts with Jai Singh in the US.

Jai Singh with RJ Rehan Siddiqui in 2018
(https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1252320891537379&set=pb.100002784412439.-2207520000..&type=3)[24]

Rehan Siddiqui is known to have great relations with the General Consulate of Pakistan of Houston Abrar H Hashmi, and often voices free Kashmir movement on his radio channel in Houston. He visits Pakistan on a regular basis and posts pictures with Abrar Hashmi on his Facebook account.

Rehan Siddiqui with Pakistan's General Consulate of Houston Abrar H Hashmi
(https://www.facebook.com/hum.shows.9/posts/10158500228645638)[25]

Rehan was blacklisted by the Ministry of State for Home affairs (MHA) for terror links in 2020. He is accused for his links with the terror groups by organizing the Bollywood events and then diverting the money to the terror groups in Pakistan. Moreover, Rehan also ran propaganda against India during the Pulwama attack and subsequent Balakot air strike in February 2019. Both Bhinder and Jai Singh were closely associated to each other in the 1990s and now Jai Singh works with the Pakistani-origin Rehan Siddiqui, who runs anti-India propaganda on his radio channel from the US. All of them have one common agenda, i.e., demean India globally.

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From Proxy War to Info-War: Same Players but different methods

Over the period of three decades, the nature of warfare has changed significantly. However, the players involved are the one constant. The people found helping the terror attack in India – from providing logistics support and weapons to Lal Singh and gang continued to be promoted in the Pakistani

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NAME	DESIGNATION	
	1991	2021
Amir-Ul-Azim	Press secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami	Secretary General Jamaat-e-Islam
Role: Managed ground recruitment of SIMI members from Pakistan.		
Hafeez-Ur-Rehman	Colonel in Pakistan army	Signal -in-Chief at C& IT Branch, Rawalpindi (Hilal-e-Imtiaz)
Role: Co-ordinated the entire operation from Pakistan on behalf of ISI.		
Daljit Singh Bitto	Khalistani Terrorist	Most wanted by Indian Government residing in Pakistan
Role: Arranged transportation of arms and ammunition from Pakistan to India		
Chaudhary Altaf Hussain	Member of Provisional Assembly	His son-**Chaudhary Farrukh Altaf** (PTI) Nephew- **Fawad Chowdhary** (Minister)
Role: Arranged fake Indian passports and Visas for Lal Singh and Md. Sharief		
Bhajan Singh Bhinder	Fremont, CA, USA	OFMI - Director
Role: Financed the entire operation from California & Pakistan.		

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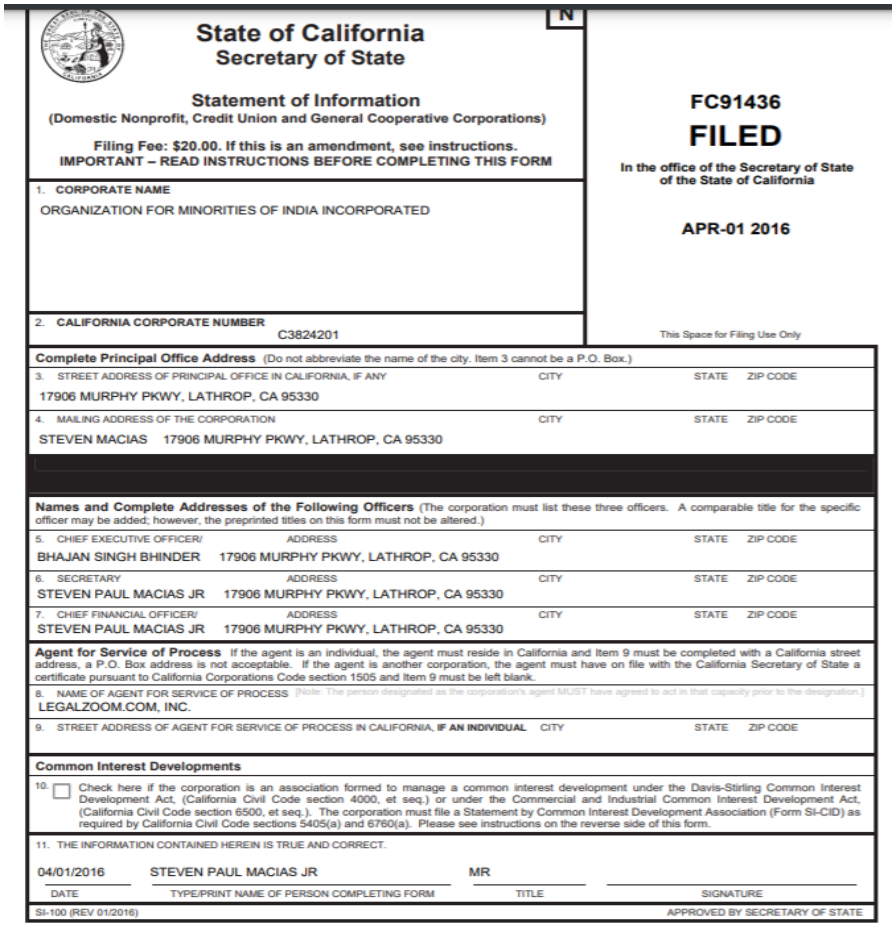
Part 2: Untangling the Web

Chapter 1: OFMI & its activities

Introduction

Organization for Minorities of India (OFMI) is one of Bhinder's baby projects that promotes rights of Dalits, Mulnivasis, Sikhs, Christians, and Muslims in India. The organization was founded by Pieter Friedrich in July 2007, was later taken over by Bhinder in 2013. Three years later, Bhinder/Iqbal also brought in Friedrich's brother-in-Law Steve Paul Macias Jr. in the company's board of members as CFO and secretary in 2016. Steve Paul Macias Jr. is a pastor by profession and a key member of OFMI, based in California. Incidentally Macias also happens to be the brother-in-law of Pieter.



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Complete Principal Office Address (Do not abbreviate the name of the city. Item 3 cannot be a P.O. Box.)

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6. SECRETARY — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
STEVEN PAUL MACIAS JR 17906 MURPHY PKWY, LATHROP, CA 95330

7. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/ — ADDRESS — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE
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8. NAME OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS [Note: The person designated as the corporation's agent MUST have agreed to act in that capacity prior to the designation.]
LEGALZOOM.COM, INC.

9. STREET ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA, IF AN INDIVIDUAL — CITY — STATE — ZIP CODE

Common Interest Developments

10. ☐ Check here if the corporation is an association formed to manage a common interest development under the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act, (California Civil Code section 4000, et seq.) or under the Commercial and Industrial Common Interest Development Act, (California Civil Code section 6500, et seq.). The corporation must file a Statement by Common Interest Development Association (Form SI-CID) as required by California Civil Code sections 5405(a) and 6760(a). Please see instructions on the reverse side of this form.

11. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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STEVEN PAUL MACIAS JR — TYPE/PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM
MR — TITLE
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OFMI registration in 2016 with Bhajan Singh Bhinder and Steve Macias

Fun Fact: The institution ostensibly set up for the cause of Indian minorities was set up in the US, had no Indian or Indian-origin minorities. It had a practicing US Christian missionary, a designated terrorist, an African-American, and a ghost.

(Bhajan Singh Bhinder, Steve Macias and Pieter Friedrich together)

More Fun Fact: The organization set up for Indian minorities dedicates its entire formative year on running anti-Gandhi propaganda in various parts of the United States.

In the later part of its existence, OFMI managed to engage some known faces from amongst Indian social activists, such as Arundhati Roy, Dr. Manisha Bangar [All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation (BAMCEF)]; Raj Ratan Ambedkar (in-Charge and Pieter, who has been close associate of Bhinder since 2007.

Contact Name	Contact Info	Job Title
Steve Macias	Email Direct	Outreach Coordinator
Brian Isai	Email Direct	Associate Director
Brian Wright	Email Direct	Associate Director
Roxanne Carter	Email Direct	Spokesperson
Pieter Friedrich	Email Direct	Spokesman and Activist
Manisha Bangar	Email Direct	-

(List of people associated with OFMI till December 2020)

(Name of Pieter & Manisha Bangar has been recently removed as part a larger drive to remove traces and connections. Likewise, Rajratan Ambedkar has also removed the traces of his association from various places. Details of this 'cleaning' drive is given at Anex II)

OFMI also hosted an event in May 2017, where they invited Dr Manisha Bangar and Steve Macias, who later posted a picture of the meet-up on his Twitter and Instagram handle.

OFMI's event in May, 2017 attended by Manisha Bangar (https://twitter.com/SteveMacias/status/866442323831422977) [26]

Dr. Manisha Bangar is a known face in India and the US for promoting the well-being of Dalits and minorities in India. She has also seen with Pieter Friedrich, Steve Macias, and Bhinder on several occasions.

OFMI has also taken up Kashmir liberation cause, organized by Jamaat-e-Islami linked groups such as ICNA; and have also been leading protests against Mahatma Gandhi, vandalizing his statues in the USA and protesting jointly against the Indian government.

List of Bhinder's companies

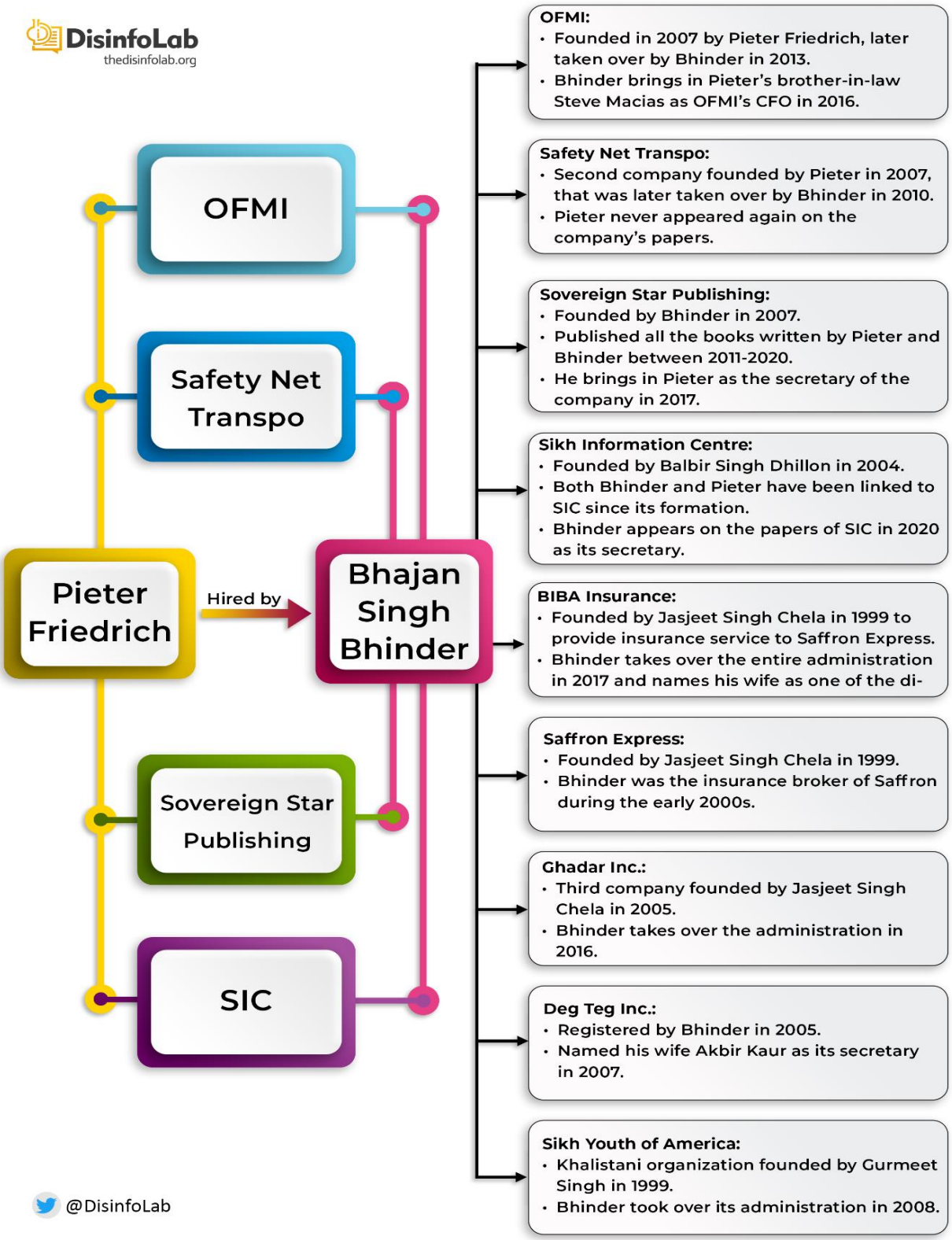
There has been a pattern with Bhinder setting up his companies. He registers organizations on someone else's name and later on takes its ownership. Bhinder was blacklisted by the Indian government b/w 1999-2011.

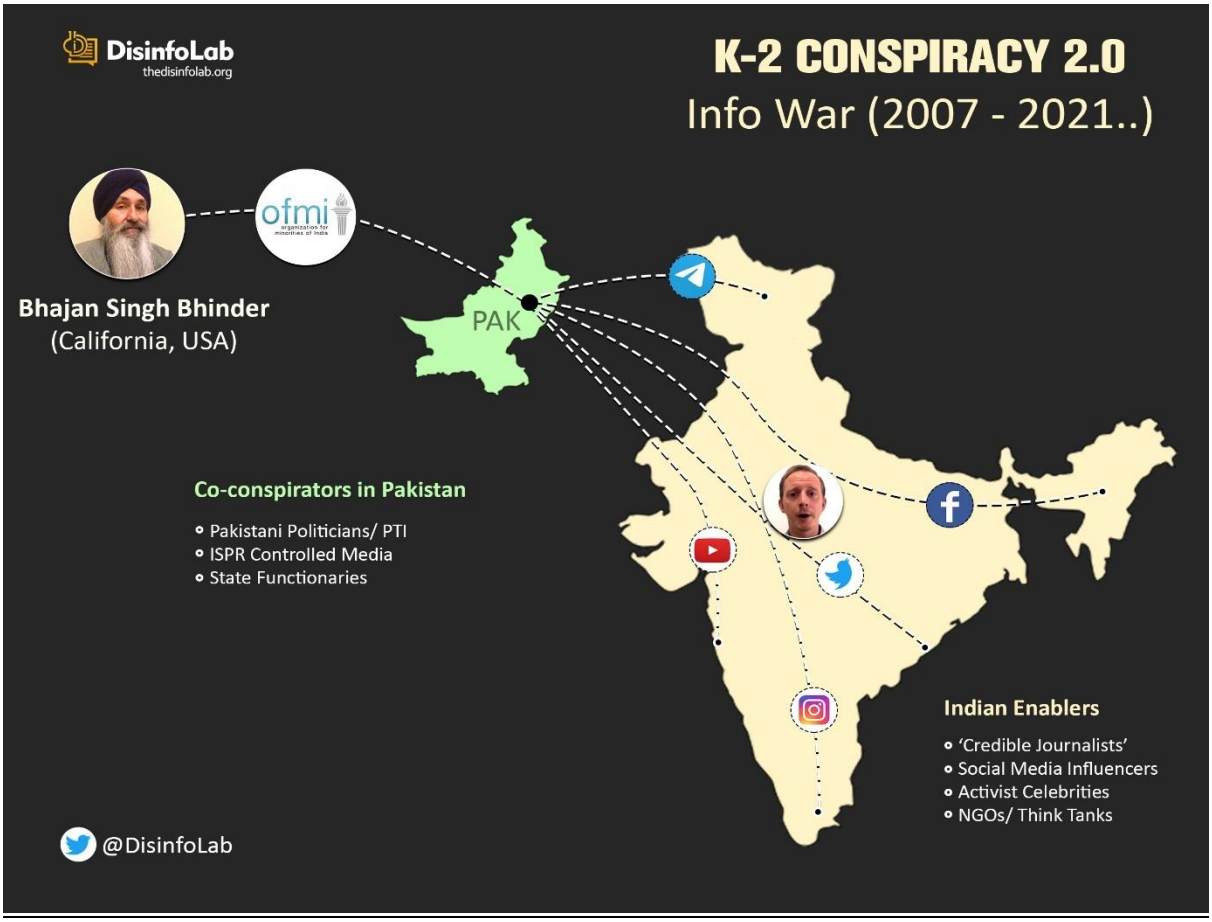
List of Companies associated with/operated by Bhinder aka Iqbal Chowdhury:

[26] https://twitter.com/SteveMacias/status/866442323831422977

1. **Sikh Youth of America:** Sikh Youth of America, a militant organization based in US, is a corporation that actively supports the creation of Khalistan. The company was registered under the name of Gurmeet Singh in 1989. It was taken over by Bhinder in 2008. The group is also related to the banned terrorist organization, International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF).
2. **Deg Tec Inc**: Bhajan Singh Bhinder registered this company in 2005, and named his wife Akbir Kaur as its secretary in 2007.
3. **Ghadar Inc:** The Company was registered in the name of Jasjeet Singh Chela, one of the prominent members of the Sikh Youth of America, in 2002. The company was later acquired by Bhinder in 2016.
4. **BIBA Insurance:** An insurance company that provided service to Saffron Express owned by Jasjeet Singh Chela in 1999. In 2017, Bhinder took over the administration of the company and also included his wife Akbir Kaur as one of the directors.
5. **OFMI.org:** Organization for Minorities of India was registered in the name of Pieter Friedrich in 2007, but, was taken over by Bhinder in 2013.
6. **Safety Net Transpo:** It was also registered in the name of Pieter in 2007, but Bhinder took charge of the company in 2010.
7. **Saffron Express-** Saffron Express Trucking services was registered in the name of Jasjeet Singh Chela in 1999. The company has been found to have links with International Sikh Youth Federation and Sikh Youth of America. It is also linked with transportation of Canadian marijuana.
8. **Sikh Information Centre:** The organization was formed by Balbir Singh Dhillon in 2004. Both Pieter and Bhinder have been associated with it.
9. **Sovereign Star Publishing Inc:** Formed in 2007 by Bhinder, the publishing company has published all the books co-authored by Pieter and Bhinder.

Timeline of Companies taken over by Bhinder





OFMI and its Networking

OFMI has been associated with some of the most prominent networks globally to amplify its anti-India agenda. Some of the major groups that have been associated with OFMI in various roles include Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA); Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC); Polis Project; Stand with Kashmir and Equality Lab.

The OFMI-Bhinder-Pieter trio have also been using a number of clever words plays and fake individuals and organizations to seek credibility. For example, in October 2020, an article on *www.clarionIndia.net* by Pieter claimed about eight 'renowned' South Asian organizations defending him against an accusation by Hindu American Foundation (HAF). These organizations wrote a letter to the chairman of Democratic National Committee Chairman, Tom Perez as counter-response to HAF's allegations on him.

Signatories:

Alliance of South Asians Taking Action (ASATA)

Coalition Against Fascism in India (CAFI)

Hindus for Human Rights (HfHR)

India Civil Watch International (ICWI)

North American Indian Muslim Association (NAIMA)

PhillyCAFI

Students Against Hindutva Ideology (SAHI)

Voices Against Fascism in India (VAFI)

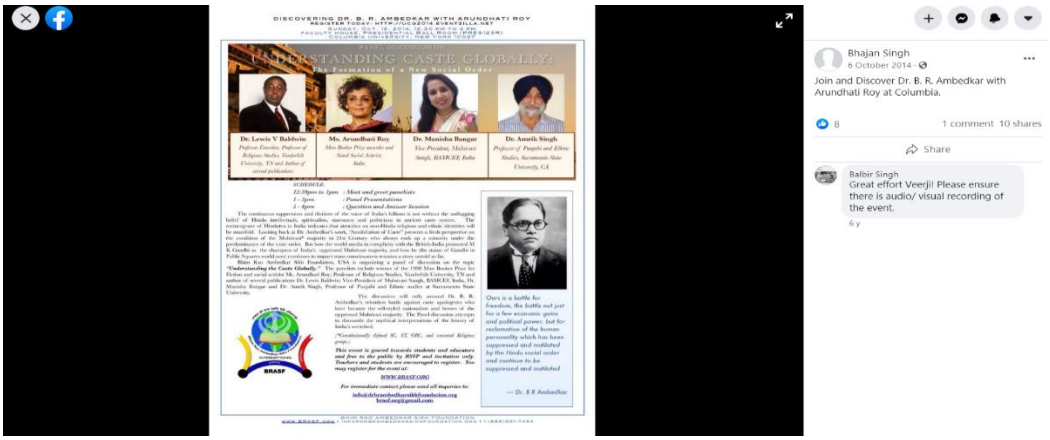
(8 South Asian Groups Come Out in Support of US Researcher Targeted by Hindutva Fascists | Clarion India)[27]

(For some reasons, several media platforms are pretty liberal with these words, using 'prominent' 'eminent' wherever it suits an agenda.)

Building Credibility: Conference by Conference

Renowned author and Booker prize winner Arundhati Roy has been associated with Bhinder and his organization OFMI from the last few years. She has attended various events organized by Bhinder and OFMI. OFMI first started quoting Arundhati Roy in their blogs and eventually started inviting her to the events. (http://www.ofmi.org/page/1/?s=Arundhati+Roy). [28]

Roy also joined BAMCEF's Dr. Manisha Bangar and Amrik Singh (associated with OFMI) in several events including the one at Columbia University in 2014.



Arundhati Roy, Amrik Singh and Manisha Bangar at Columbia University (Facebook)[29]

[27] *8 South Asian Groups Come Out in Support of US Researcher Targeted by Hindutva Fascists | Clarion India*
[28] http://www.ofmi.org/page/1/?s=Arundhati+Roy
[29] *Facebook*

Furthermore, he also posted a picture with Manisha Bangar and Arundhati Roy on his Facebook account on June 4, 2017.

Bhajan Singh
3 जून 2017 ·

With Arundhati Roy and Dr. Manisha Bangar Jee. You go where men dare not. Salute!salute!Salute! Your courage dispels darkness.

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Chapter 2: The Eco-system – I (Media & Social Media)

Initial Impetus for Credibility

Pieter's credibility was established in India in a rather coordinated manner. In the beginning, his articles started getting published in some non-descript online 'news media' platforms such as www.countercurrent.org; www.clarionindia.net; www.twocircles.net; www.velivada.com; www.thecitizen.com; www.antiwar.com; www.areomagazine.com; www.shilongtimes.com; www.sabrangindia.in and www.riot.in. These articles were published during 2015-2019.

Having established his initial foothold, and creating a base for his further launch – he was suddenly getting published in some of the 'prominent' online news media – *The Wire, The Caravan*, and *The Quint*. All these three platforms published Pieter within a span of 30 days - from 2nd July to 1st August 2019. Eventually, *Sikh Siyasat* also published his articles. Those of us who have tried their articles published in these platforms could only appreciate how remarkable feat it was.

That these platforms were so eager to provide space to him, that not only they failed to carry a basic check of his background but have also provided random introductions about him. *The Wire* calls him an Amsterdam based Analyst! And *The Caravan* conveniently took the cover of the fact that he gets published in *The Wire* and *The Quint*, but has re-published all of his articles, including those published by some of the non-descript media platforms.

Not only this, Caravan Daily's Twitter handle is also been rather kind to Pieter Fredrich in promoting his articles on its twitter handle. Pieter is an equally kind person, who returns the favor.

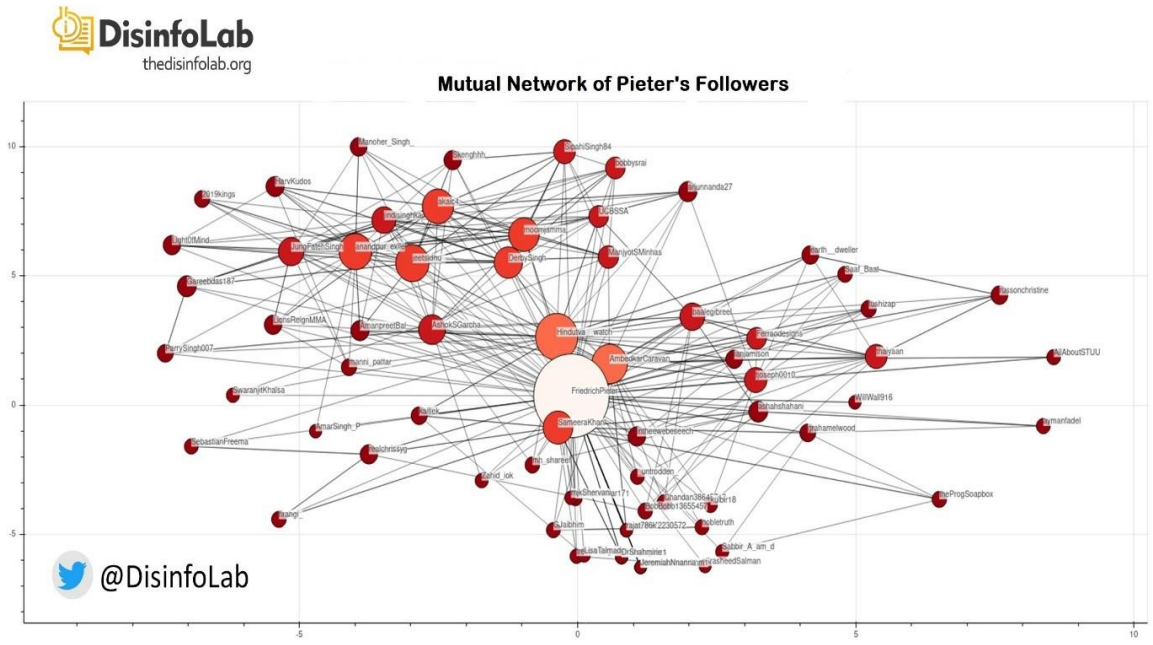
You scratch my back…

Social Media Amplifiers

Pieter opened his Twitter handle in October 2018. Before that he had published just one article in October 2018 on a relatively unknown platform. By then he picked up a decent following, probably by virtue of being a 'White US Expert'. However, some his early followers were surprisingly big names, who would ordinarily not start following a person so early on unless either a previous connection or been connected through someone – someone who wished for Pieter to become 'famous' soon.

Following is the mutual network of first 100 followers of Pieter's Twitter handle in his present avatar. It is a sad state of affairs that some of the stalwarts of Indian media and gatekeepers of its conscience who keep fighting fake info online seems to have been duped by projection of a 'White man'.

The case of Sameera Khan, the grand-niece of the Bangladesh's former minister of Foreign Affairs, Morshed Khan is more interesting. She has been one of the initial amplifiers of Pieter Friedrich as well as OFMI. That her association with Pieter is not accidental is also based on the fact that Sameera followed the other handle of Pieter (Singh of Judah) as well, which was barely active and has less than 50 followers.



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Helping hand from a Friendly Neighbor

On Twitter, Pieter has been endorsed and amplified by some of the most celebrated social media influencers in India. However, the Pakistani influencers beat Indian ones in amplifying Pieter and/or OFMI. From their news channel to Cabinet Ministers, to

[30] https://disinfolab.github.io/mutual_frnds_network_new_new.html

Businesspersons, to HR activist – all seem to have a stake in safeguarding India's human rights record and to this noble end they thought it most appropriate to promote a fake expert and a fake organization. One has to wonder, whether they knew something more!

The luminaries that promoted OFMI et. al. included Fawad Chowdhary, Ali Haider Zaidi, Shireen Mazari and Munaza Hassan. Following is a list of prominent Indian and Pakistani influencers who helped Pieter gain credibility for millions of social media users in South Asia, who have started taking his utterances with a lot of seriousness than warranted.

Amplifiers from India

Name (@Twitter Id)	Profession
Sagarika Ghose(@sagarikaghose)	Journalist
Harjinder Singh Kukreja(@SinghLions)	Social Media Influencer
Ravish Kumar (@ravishndtv)	Journalist
Swara Bhasker(@ReallySwara)	Actress
Kavita Krishnan(@kavita_krishnan)	Activist
Siddharth(@svaradarajan)	Journalist
Rohini Singh(@rohini_sgh)	Journalist
Akash Banerjee(@TheDeshBhakt)	Youtuber
Sakshi Joshi(@sakshijoshii)	Youtuber
Lavanya Ballal (@LavanyaBallal)	Social media coordinator AICC
Pankhuri Pathak (@pankhuripathak)	Politician
Pawan Khera (@Pawankhera)	Politician
The Caravan(@thecaravanindia)	Media House
Prashant Kanojia (@Pjkanojia)	Activist
Ashish Khetan (@AashishKhetan)	Politician
Ankit Lal (@AnkitLal)	AAP IT cell
Mihir Sharma (@mihirssharma)	Journalist
Guru Pitka (@TheGuru_Pitka)	Social Media Influencer
Meena Kandasamy (@meenakandasamy)	Journalist
Ambedkar Caravan(@AmbedkarCaravan)	Activist

Amplifiers from Pakistan

Name (@Twitter Id)	Profession
Arshad Sharif(@arsched)	Journalist
Fe'reeha@ abbtakk(@Fereeha)	Journalist & anchor
Zarrar Khuhro(@ZarrarKhuhro)	Journalist
Haqeeqat TV(@Haqeeqat_TV)	Youtube Influencer
M. Saad Arslan Sadiq(@Arslan_Sadiq)	Founder & CEO Of Global Hosting Service | Social Media Activist | Kashmir Lobbyist
Khurram Nawaz Gandapur(@GandapurPAT)	Secretary General of Pakistan Awami Tehreek @PATofficialPK
Matrix Media(@Matrixxmedia)	Pakistan-based media platform for news & views on local, regional & international issues.
Anjum Kiani(@AnjumKiani)	
Ovais Mangalwala (@ovaismangalwala) @humnewspakistan	Breakfast Show Host |Occasional actor|Documentary maker|Teacher|FUNdamentalist|
Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar(@anwaar_kakar)	Member of Senate Ex-Spokesman for Govt of Balochistan, NDU & UOB alumnus.
Amir Yusuf Chaudhry(@ThePreEminent)	Photographer | Graphic Designer
Ch. Muhammad Akram(@AkramRaee)	
Zain Khan(@ZKhanOfficial)	Pioneer in Digital Journalism | Anchorperson on TV | Editor in Chief @TacticalTalknet| Filmmaker |
SHAFAAT SHAH(@INFANTRY28)	Retd Lt Gen. Former MS to President, Corps Commander, Lahore & Ambassador of Pakistan to Jordan
Kamran Yousaf(@Kamran_Yousaf)	Journalist/Anchor, host #TheReview @ExpressNewsPK, writes for @etribune
Aamir Shahzad (@meaamir1)	
Richard Harris(@HarrisRichard77)	Business Owner
Dr. Anam J. Cheema(@AnamCheema_)	Dentist, Academic, Public Health Expert, Health policy & systems, Youth Activist & Health Advocate
ISI Pak's Pride(@CallSignMujahid)	Economist/Defence Analyst
Salman Inqalabi (SrasheedSalman)	

Amongst others who have been most actively engaging and promoting Pieter are Suchitra Vijayan of Polis Project; and Sanjukta Basu.

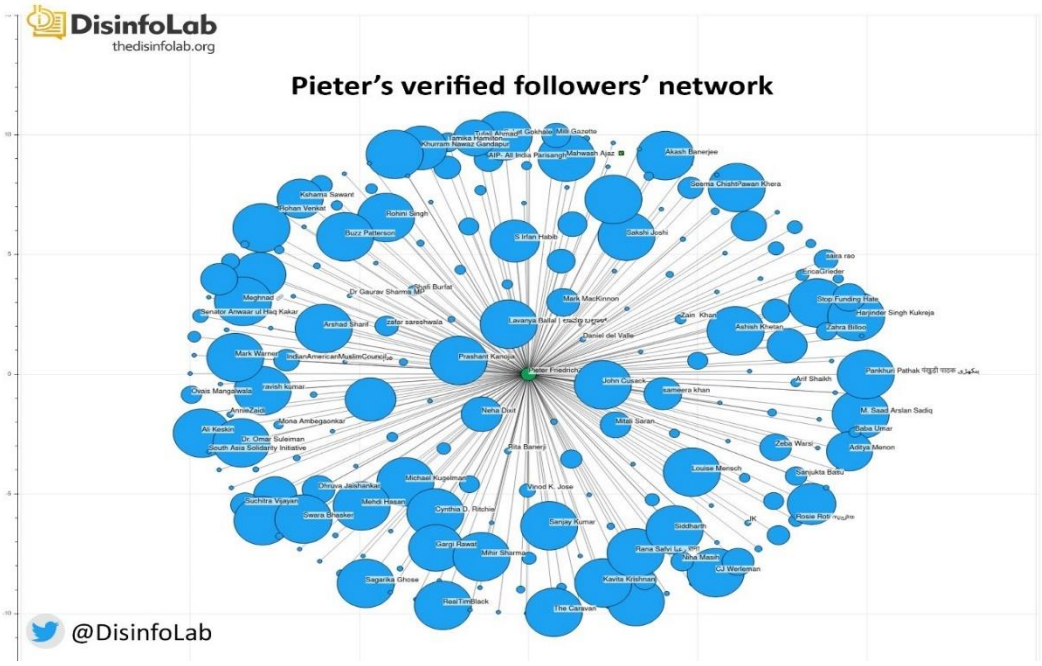
(List of Two countries followers)

<u>This is interesting:</u> ⬇

Some other public figures who have augmented OFMI's propagandas on social media are Rana Ayuub, film-maker and journalist Vinod Kapri, Dr.Audrey Truschke, Senator Sherry Rehman, Sameera Khan, Dr. John Dayal, Dr. Ashok Swain and Tony Ashai.

Modern Version of Chicken & Egg?

Did Pieter got to write articles in 'prominent' and award-winning media because hundreds of credible (blue-tick) people followed him, or people followed him because he wrote those articles? Though we are not sure what the list of blue-tick handles in Pieter's followers say about Pieter, it sure says a lot about the blue-tick themselves.



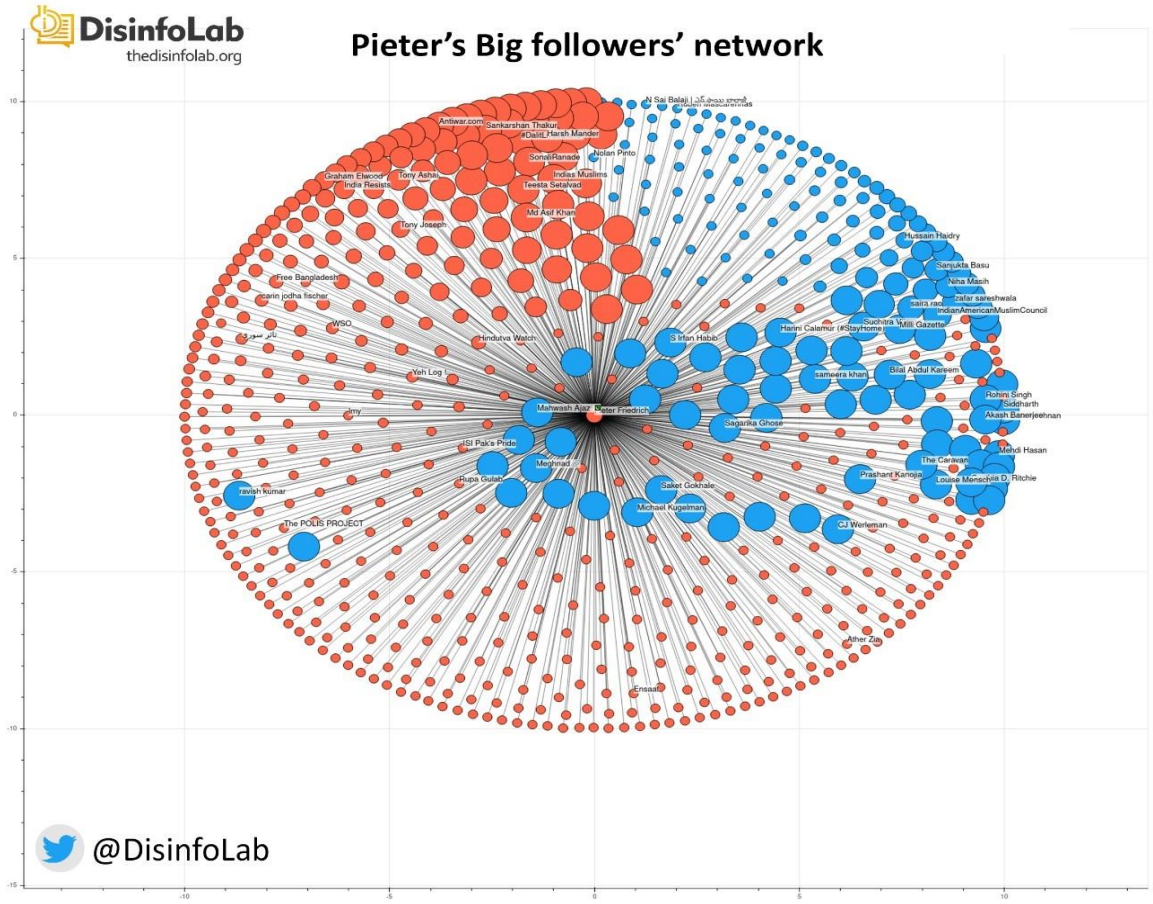
Interactive Graph: https://disinfolab.github.io/pieter_verified_followers_network_labels2.html[31]

[31] https://disinfolab.github.io/pieter_big_followers_network_labels.html

This interactive graph depicts the number of verified handles that follow Pieter Friedrich on Twitter.

Elites Driving the Gentry

Once a credible social media influencer starts following and endorsing someone, blue or no blue, it gives confidence to lot of lay users on these platforms to believe the person. It therefore should be cautionary tell for everyone to choose wisely who their icons be. Once the blue ticks show the way, the number of followers for Pieter rocketed. A graphical presentation of his major followers:



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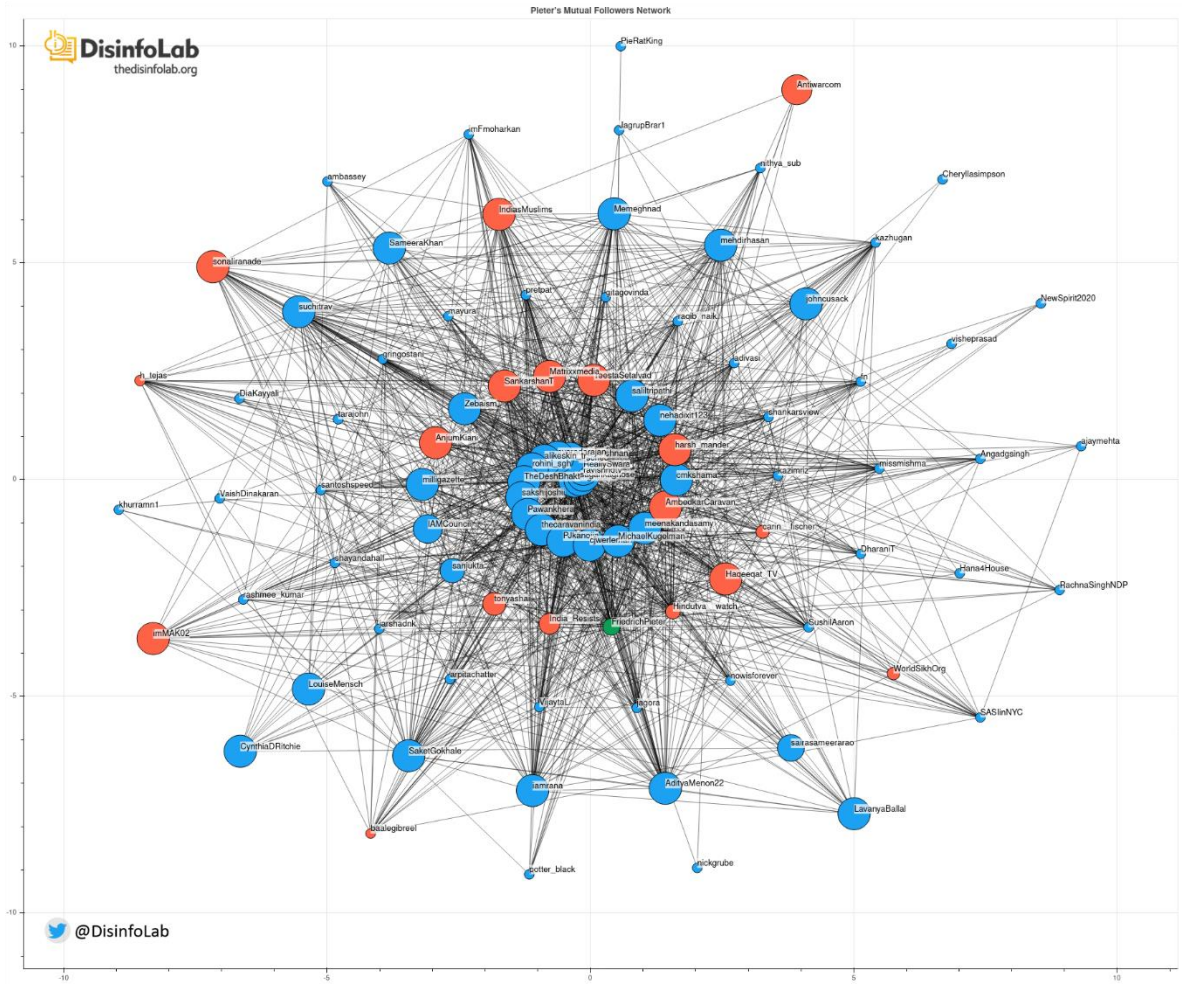
Below is the graph of big & verified social media influencers of Pieter



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Chapter 3: Eco-System (Think Tanks/ Experts/ NGOs)

While the social media engagements cannot be said to imply that whether the individual was fooled or fooling, there has been cases of deliberate efforts to legitimize Pieter by organizing his interactions with others real experts and activists.

Prof Ashok Swain from Upassala University Sweden is one such academic, who have been interviewing Pieter even before he was legitimized through articles and social media push.

Pieter Friedrich and Ashok Swain in 2015
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=IPANQpgv2Zk)[33]

Likewise, Dr. John Dayal, a prominent intellectual and activist, is also linked to the OFMI and even appeared with Pieter Friedrich way back in 2015, the YouTube link of which has been posted on the official website of OFMI.

(http://www.ofmi.org/august-2008-anti-christian-pogrom-in-india-saw-rivers-of-blood-on-the-road/)[34]

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All of the above names have directly/indirectly helped in serving the common agenda of Pieter as well as the OFMI by amplifying their articles on Twitter.

Equality Lab & Polis Project

One of their initial and prime amplifiers for the OFMI façade has been the "Equality Lab" and the Polis Project. Both, like OFMI claim to be working towards fight of noble causes in India, and both like OFMI are set up and run in the US by American citizens.

The link between Equality Labs and Bhinder's OFMI was also found in a report published by Equality Lab in 2018. Various organizations sponsored the report and one name among them was Bhinder's OFMI. Bhajan Singh also appeared in the list of individuals that contributed in their report. Along with OFMI, Shaikh Ubaid's IAMC also was also one of the donors, followed by some other names in the list.

We are thankful to all the organizations in the diaspora who have helped us to disseminate the survey. This includes several South Asian religious institutions and community based organizations such as South Asian Americans Leading Together, The Alliance for Justice and Accountability, the Bangladeshi Historical Project, South Asian Histories for All, Indian American Muslim Council, South Asia Solidarity Initiative, Association for India's Development, Organization for Minorities of India, Desis Rising Up and Moving, and Alliance of South Asians Taking Action.

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Polis Project and Suchitra Vijayan have taken an interest on Pieter's work which so far belittles everyone else.

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ICNA

The official Twitter handle of OFMI follows only two accounts, i.e., Shaik Ubaid and the organization he founded, Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC).

Only two accounts that OFMI follows on Twitter

Interestingly, Shaik Ubaid was also associated with the **Islamic Circle of North America** (ICNA) during the 1990s. Though he claims that he left ICNA in 1996-97 after conflicts on its merger with the Jamaat-e-Islami, and formed another organization, the Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) in 2002; it seems that Shaik Ubaid had had a happy divorce, as he continued to attend ICNA events despite the conflicts that 'forced him to leave' the organization! OFMI, ICNA and other Pak based group have also jointly raked up the cause of Kashmir, as Pakistan sees it.

What's the Agenda?

In one word: targeting India's interest.

This cabal is not targeting Hindutva as they project and like us to believe, nor are they about minorities' rights. The agenda is driven by singular motive – to target India's interest. This is tried to be accomplished in 4 major ways:

i) Targeting idea of India – non-violence & Mahatma Gandhi – replacing it with an alternate image of 'fascist India'
ii) Targeting India's territorial integrity – working towards K-2 design
iii) Targeting India's interests abroad by working against Indian origin American politicians
iv) Whitewashing Pakistan's sins –clean chit to Pakistan (ISI) in Kabul Gurudwara Bombings & questioning Pulwama attack.

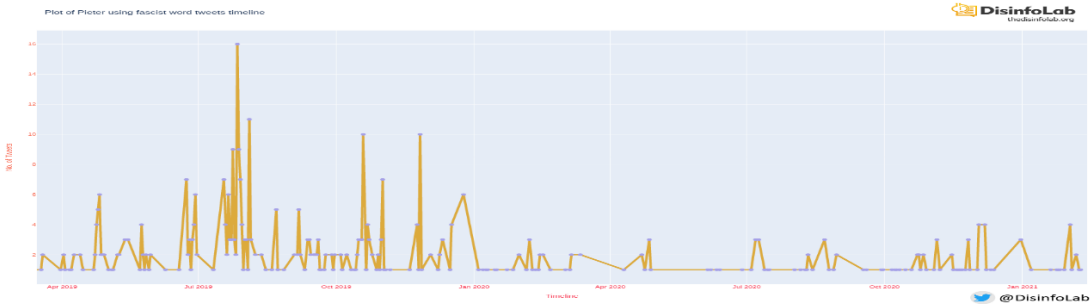
Questioning the Idea of India

The biggest target is India's soft power and its image. Mahatma Gandhi is a global icon and non-violence has remained India's visiting card. Therefore, to dent India's global standing it would be essential to dent this image, which they have been doing rather efficiently, though not without a little help by Indians – knowingly or unknowingly.

To dent an image, it is essential to provide an alternate image and so the masterminds behind this conspiracy have chosen wisely – replacing non-violence image with fascism. In not-so-subtle sub-narration, it is repeated that India in fact never was secular and non-violent. Ironically, this theme is given credence by a lot of people who are fighting to 'reclaim idea of India' – an India that was secular and diverse.

Interactive Graph: https://disinfolab.github.io/subcombined_Fascist_tweets_timeline.html[36]

An analysis of the twitter data on key words 'fascist' and 'India' shows an interesting commonality in pattern. The usage of word fascist in the context of India in last two years shows the same pattern for general users' database as well as Pieter's – which would mean that all these nodes have been pushed in coordination. This sudden surge is witnessed since mid-July, 2019.



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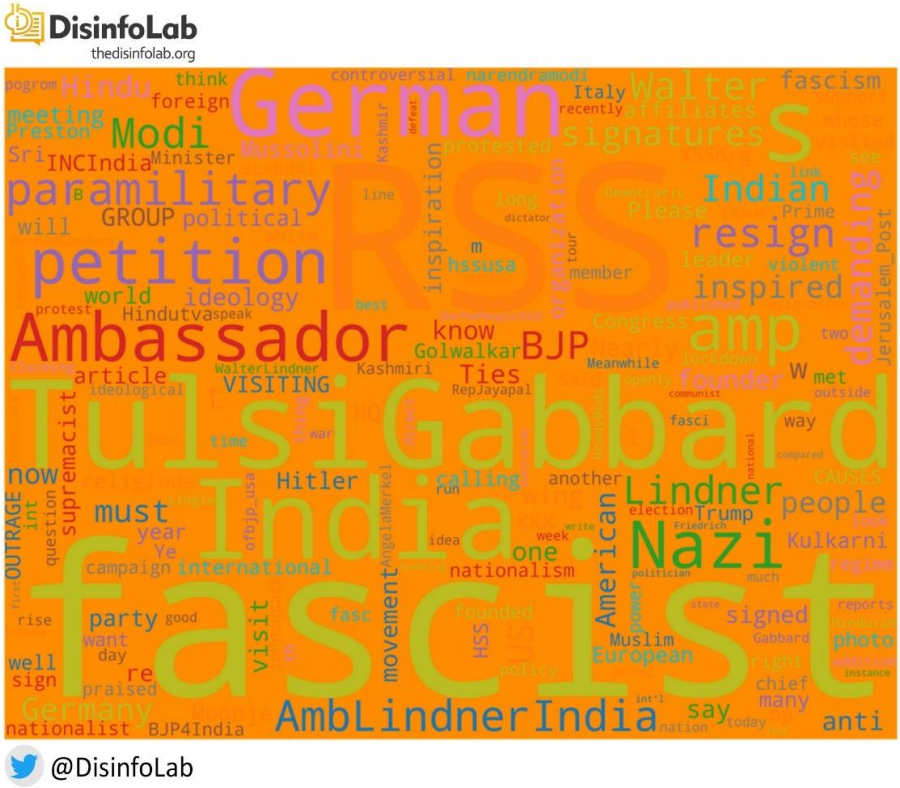
Unrelated Fact: Pakistani PM Imran Khan had started using word Fascist in context of India since Aug, 2019. There has been a perceptible noise since then on the same keyword – fascist in the context of India. The number of articles on the topic have also multiplied in the same timeline.

Note: This dataset has been tested with keywords 'India' and 'fascism'; and not Hindutva and fascism, and hence this 'branding' can't be attributed to a fight against RSS/ BJP. It is designed to target India's image.

A word cloud presentation of Pieter's tweet depicts his objectives over the years.



ii) Targeting India's Territorial Integrity:

While the method has shifted from proxy war using terrorism to now info-war, using 'NGOs'/ 'Experts'/ 'Think Tanks' – but the objectives have remained same. This is also evident from the fact that the 'Kashmir' agenda of Pakistan is pushed form through all of these platforms, irrespective of their origin and objective. And this should not be confused with actual issues of Kashmir, as these platforms consistently pick the line taken by Pakistan. None of these organizations and their amplifiers ever raise the issue that could be uncomfortable to the powers that be even if it should concern the Kashmiri - be it issue of

[37] https://disinfolab.github.io/pieter_fascist_timeline.html

terrorism, women rights, caste issue and the stories of Kashmiri elites enjoying all the perks at the cost of common people.

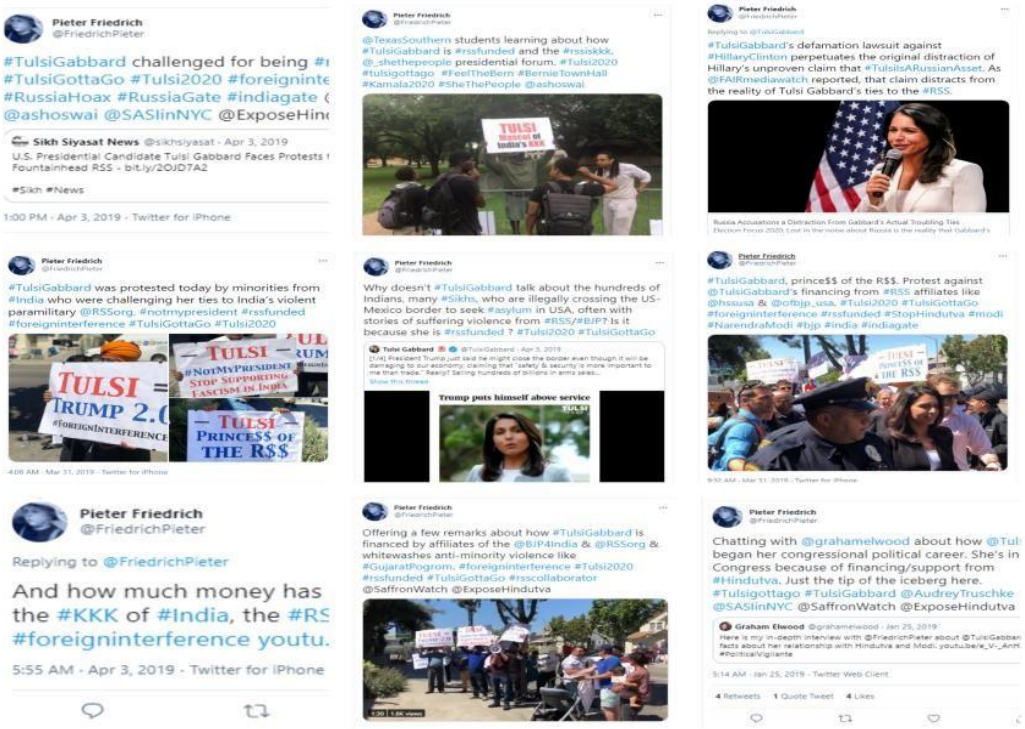
Indeed, this has been one of the biggest give away for any organization working for a 'cause' in India and raising the issue of Kashmir in a particular way.

iii) Targeting India's interest abroad:

OFMI has been spearheading campaigns in different parts of the US, against the US politicians by levelling unsubstantiated allegations – basing on their relation with RSS. What makes it even more suspicious is that they have been running paid campaigns against their targets, all in the name of Organization for Indian Minorities. The list of their targets is not small. Starting from Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard to Congresspersons as well as local level politicians. Derailing Tulsi Gabbard's election campaign is likely the biggest achievement that the group can claim.

Derailing Gabbard's Election Campaign

The process of dismantling Gabbard's campaign started in 2017. On 25th and 26th may 2017, there was a wave of tweets with the hashtag #TulsiGottaGo that was spammed on social media. There was another wave between 17th Jan 2019 to 28th Feb 2019 on the same narrative, claiming her to be RSS supporter and anti-Islam and even Russian agent, without any evidence. Pieter was not only defaming her on social media but was also publicly going to her meeting or sending his partners and supporters to defame her.



Pieter and Jada Bernard disrupting Tulsi Gabbard's Public appearances

But, Pieter Friedrich entry in this was no coincidence, he was used by OFMI, Bhinder & Shaikh Ubaid to target members (Tulsi Gabbard, Sri Preston Kulkarni, Ami Bera, Sonal Shah, Padma Kuppa & Raja Krishnamoorthi) contesting the US elections, that they believed were RSS sponsored.

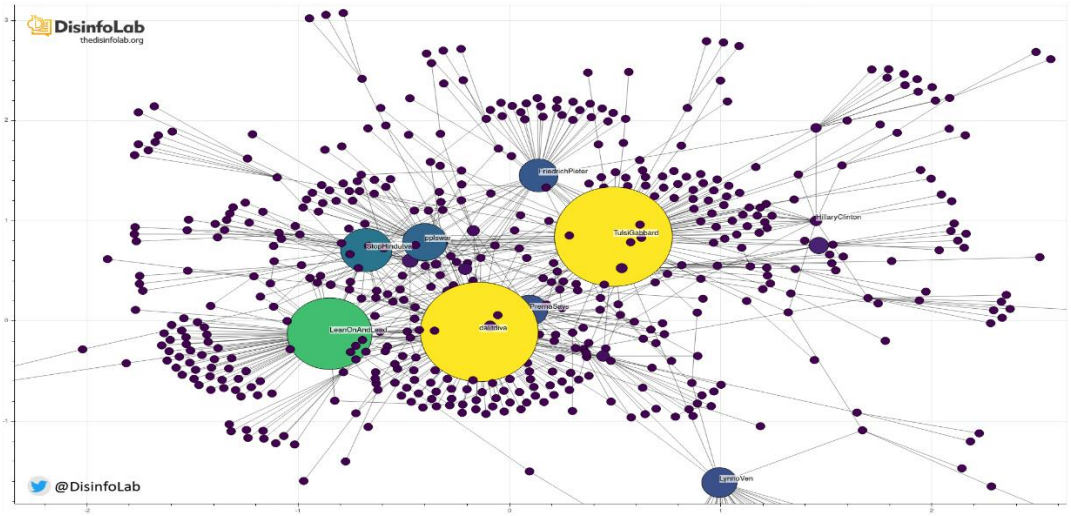
"Shaik Ubaid, co-founder of the Indian American Muslim Council, which frequently works with OFMI, and past leader of the Islamist-leaning Islamic Circle of North America, claims in a recent WhatsApp communication (see below) that "Pieter Friedrich is the research scholar working with us full time," and that he, along with a "few others" will target six Congressional constituencies where "RSS-sponsored candidates are running," starting with Sri Kulkarni's 22nd Congressional district in Texas," the HAF alleged. PTI LKJ RC

Shergill, chair of the California Democratic Progressive Caucus, along with another California-based political operative, Pieter Friedrich, have been running campaigns against all Indian American and Hindu lawmakers and officials of the Democratic party, to which the party"s top leadership has remained mute spectator so far, it alleged.

Prominent among those include Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu elected to the House of Representatives, Sri Kulkarni, who is running on the Democratic ticket from Texas and is giving a tough time to his GOP opponent and Democratic Michigan State House member Padma Kuppa, the first Hindu and Indian American elected to that state"s house, the HAF alleged.

"Friedrich, Shergill and their political allies targeted not only Kulkarni, Kuppa and Gabbard, but also Indian American Democratic legislators like Ami Bera and Raja Krishnamoorthi. Democratic candidates Jenifer Rajkumar, a New York Assembly candidate, and Rishi Kumar, member of the Saratoga City Council and California congressional candidate, were also targeted. Besides Jani, Friedrich also went after another senior Biden campaign staffer, senior policy advisor and former president Obama-appointee, Sonal Shah," it said.

The Social media campaign was launched with *"#TulsiGottaGo".* The List of top 50 hashtags used against her, are depicted in the following interactive graph listed below:

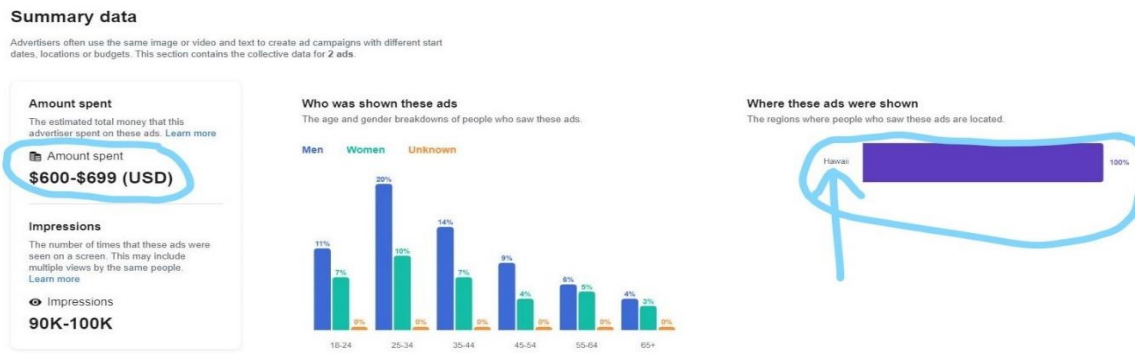


Interactive graph: https://disinfolab.github.io/TulsiGottaGo_network.html[38]

The graph amply illustrates that it was not some 'conscience cry' against Tulsi, but a coordinated attack in which same the eco-system participated which has also been promoting Pieter and company – including some 'activism' sounding handles such as 'Hindutva Watch' and 'Dalit Diva'. The most surprising part of the campaign was using paid news to target her.

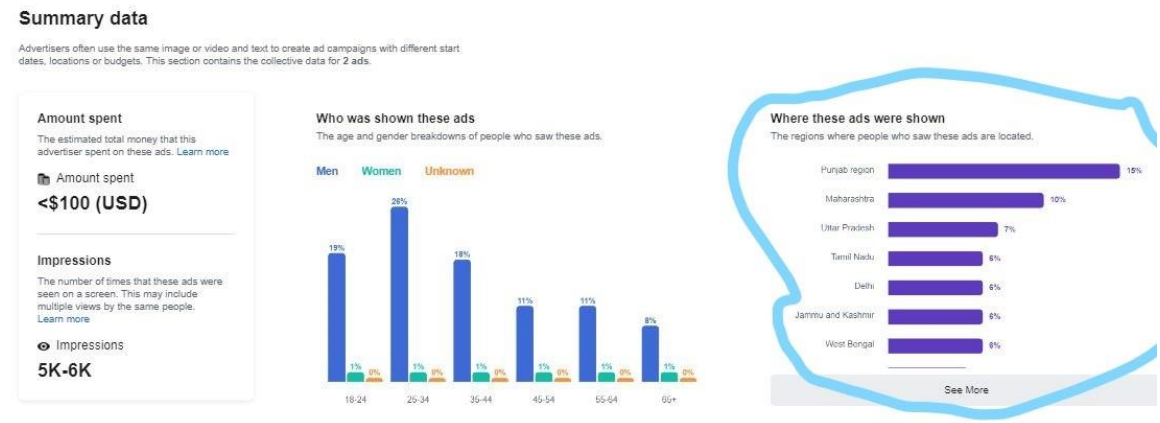
IV) Ad campaigns against Tulsi Gabbard by OFMI & Pieter

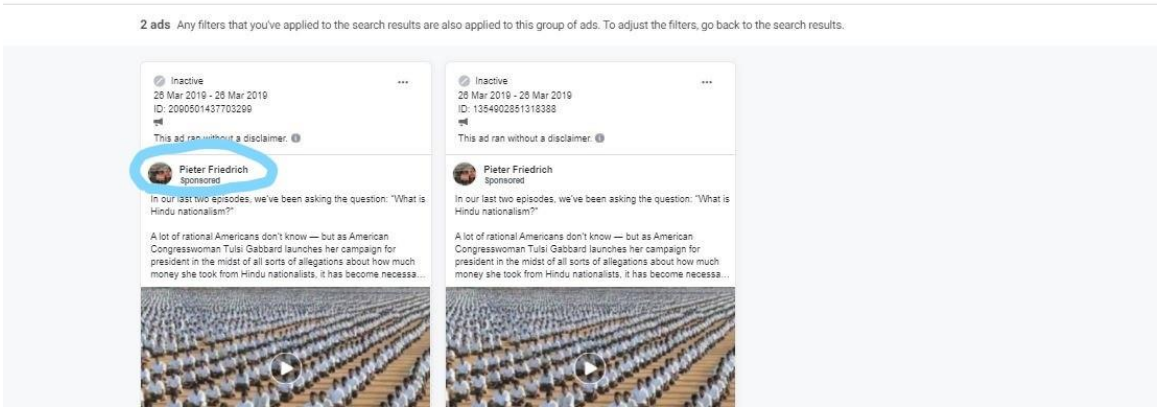
OFMI hosted its ads in Hawaii, from where Tulsi belongs while Pieter targeted Indian audiences.



[38] https://disinfolab.github.io/TulsiGottaGo_network.html

OFMI ran three campaigns in 2018, after which Pieter took the baton and continued attacking Gabbard in 2019 by associating her with the Indian establishment. Moreover, he ran two Facebook campaigns against her in March 2019. They accused her for receiving money from 'Hindu nationalists' for running her political campaigns multiple times, again without any evidence. His sole evidence against her or other US politicians of Indian origin he targeted was a reference a pic of their meeting Indian politicians. On that logic, Joe Biden has many visits to India, Barack Obama had met Narendra Modi on various occasions, and Trump too had visited India and they all have praised India before.





Their tirade was not limited to Gabbard, but to several other US politicians. Last checked, Pieter was busy targeting Preston Kulkarni, who have been inducted in Biden Administration. Pieter and gang had run a successful target campaign against Kulkarni earlier during the Senate election.

V) Defending Pakistan's image

Amongst all the objective that this cartel is trying to achieve, defending Pakistan's image is seems quite a stretch, that too in the cover of Indian minorities. However, the dedicated

foot soldiers – either in their over-enthusiasm - or may be to dictates from above – keeps trying to square this circle. In the aftermath of the Pulwama, Pieter jumped to push the conspiracy theory that it was Indian state which was responsible. However, while the he was trying the spin, their mastermind in Pakistan claimed the responsibility. Likewise, after the Kabul Gurudwara attack Bhinder - Pieter duo again came to defend Pakistan and came up with what they call a book (essentially 32-page booklet) – successful replicating another failed attempt of Pakistan in trying to deflect its role in 26/11 bombings through another book yet again by a 'foreign expert'.

This coordinated agenda of the cabal is also evident from a new organization established recently - South Asia Research Institute for Minorities, Karachi. This institute follows the same pattern – and people like Amrik Singh and Manisha Bangar gets invited to its function. However, the organization for minorities set up in Pakistan also worries only about the minority situation in India!

Where would one find such neighborly love in the whole world?!

Conclusion:

Apart from the threat this network poses for us and the damage it has already caused, it is also an eye-opener about the preparation the adversary has shown in planting, grooming and launching an information warfare.

During the turmoil of 1980s, our protagonist (Bhinder) appears on scene as a Khalistani, claiming to be from Malaysia, and operating from the US. His first act in public domain is funding a terror act in India. He also is party to a drug and piracy network in the US and manages to wrestle control of one of the most prominent Gurudwaras in the US.

After failing to cause damage through terror means, the masterminds put the protagonist to scout for a suitable 'white face' (Pieter), who could be used to achieve the objective of tarnishing India's image.

In 2007 Bhinder finds a Christian youth activist, who had decent oratory and writing skill but was still wanting in terms of economic means. Pieter was even willing to work as security guard, being projected as an expert-activist would have been a dream job. So he readily comes on board and finds a new purpose in life.

At first the plot was to malign Mahatma Gandhi's image and non-violence. Then the government changes in India, and so does the methods. Instead of targeting Gandhi, it was decided to paint India as fascist state. In this enterprise, they also got not a small helping hand from several people inside India, who found a common cause due for various reasons.

The modus operandi was standard: set some book published in his name, and few articles in complaint online portals. Get a social media avatar and start connecting with potential amplifiers. In the process build credibility and then hijack the narrative of every possible genuine ground protest to suite agenda.

The brilliance of this operation was not merely the planning and execution – the makers also wanted to make it self-sustainable. Pieter had started a fund raising for his 'cause', and claims to have gotten close to $ 30 k (out of a $ 50 k target). Though it has to be seen how much money was actually raised from public and how much this is being used as another means to fund him by the masters. But most of all this also adds to the credibility, and whatever loose changes come from actual public would be an added bonus.

The beauty of the project is also evident from the list of media and social media amplifiers. While some may have been in actual collusion and some might have been fooled by projection, all of them must be aware about the extent and impact of info-war against India. That they fell for this charade is an irony of epic proportion.

Epilogue

It is now established that the front of OFMI was created by Bhinder (indeed the masterminds behind Bhinder) to target India, shifting from proxy war (terrorism) to Info-war.

It may be argued that while the origin of the Bhinder – Pieter – OFMI is dubious, they are at least fighting for a right cause (pun unintended).

However, it should be remembered that OFMI was part of a very large game-plan, for which preparations were afoot long ago. OFMI was established in 2007 with Pieter Frederick. At that time India was governed by Congress led UPA.

At that time, OFMI and Pieter-Bhinder duo were busy demolishing Mahatma Gandhi's image. An image India is known globally.

Cut to 2019, India is governed by BJP led NDA. This time India is tarnished in the name of Hindutva.

They are no activist fighting for a cause. The one and only agenda is to destroy whatever soft power India has globally – be it non-violence of Mahatma Gandhi to the branding of Yoga as Indian product. Else, one indeed has to wonder, how destroying india's image of Yoga and Tea was going to contribute to farmers protest or any other cause.

There is an even bigger loss than India's soft image.

By hijacking all genuine concerns and appropriating them to further their agenda, the biggest disservice they are doing is to the genuine cause. In the process, they are not only able to garner all attention – of media and social media – from the real stakeholders, but are also trying to shape the narrative to suit their agenda, and not the purpose for which a movement is started.

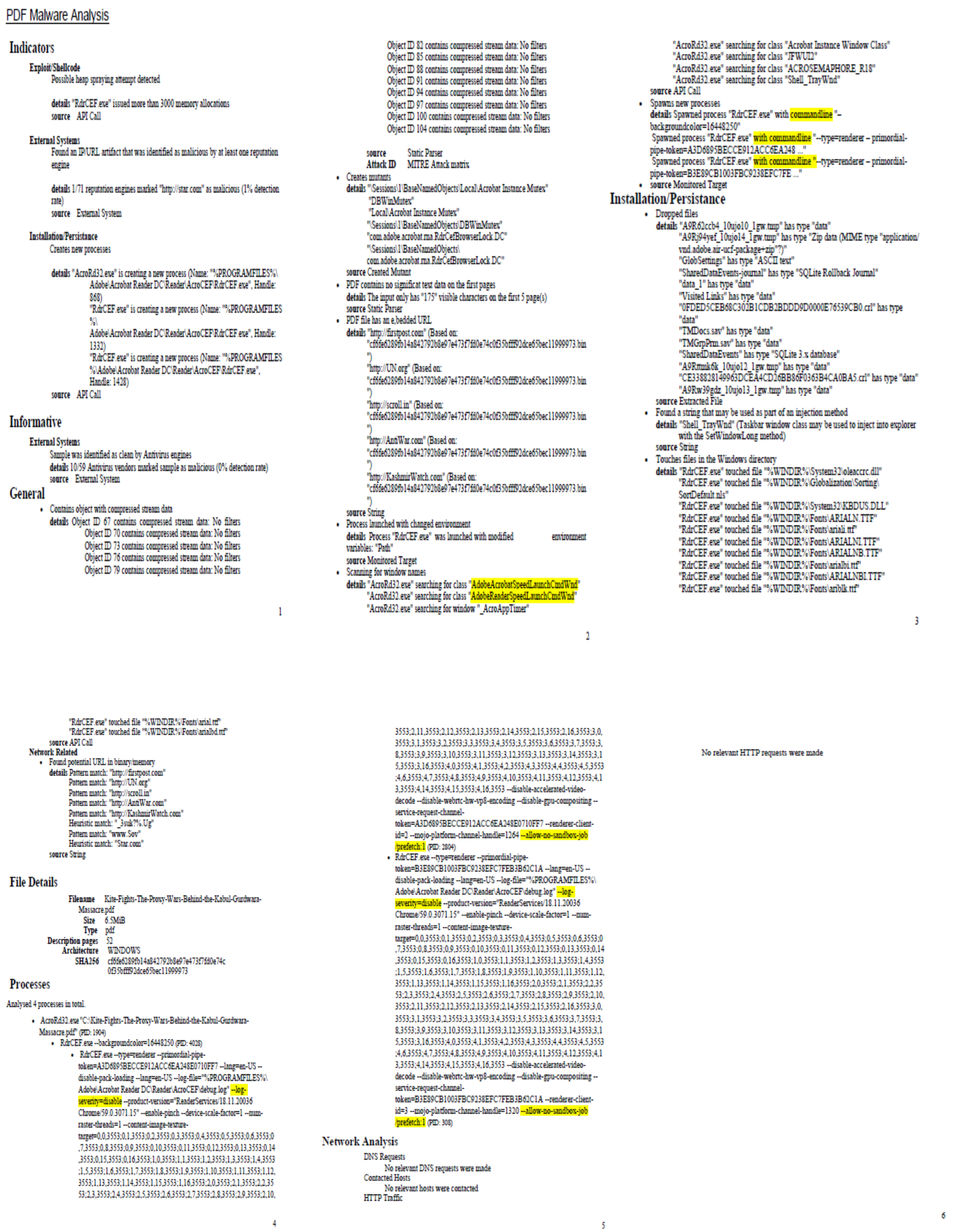
This whole saga also underlines our colonial baggage – that anything foreign is always benign and neutral. And if that has a gora face, no questions must further be asked. This fetish for everything foreigner, including the activists for the causes that are so locally rooted, speaks to a lack of self-confidence that we have failed to build.

The land of Raja Rammohan Roy, Dr Ambedkar and Gandhi – who have brought unprecedented changes in society – doesn't really need 'foreign activists' and 'experts' to fight for its cause.

Lest we forget:

No amount of OFMI, Bhinder or Pieter could have done any damage to India's image, or even would have been noticed if it was not for the Indian amplifiers.

We should be cautious in choosing our icons.



PDF Malware Analysis

Indicators

Exploit/Shellcode
Possible heap spraying attempt detected

details "RdrCEF.exe" issued more than 3000 memory allocations
source API Call

External Systems
Found an IP/URL artifact that was identified as malicious by at least one reputation engine

details 1/71 reputation engines marked "http://star.com" as malicious (1% detection rate)
source External System

Installation/Persistance
Creates new processes

details "AcroRd32.exe" is creating a new process (Name: "%PROGRAMFILES%\Adobe\Acrobat Reader DC\Reader\AcroCEF\RdrCEF.exe", Handle: 868)
"RdrCEF.exe" is creating a new process (Name: "%PROGRAMFILES%\Adobe\Acrobat Reader DC\Reader\AcroCEF\RdrCEF.exe", Handle: 1332)
"RdrCEF.exe" is creating a new process (Name: "%PROGRAMFILES%\Adobe\Acrobat Reader DC\Reader\AcroCEF\RdrCEF.exe", Handle: 1428)
source API Call

Informative

External Systems
Sample was identified as clean by Antivirus engines
details 10/59 Antivirus vendors marked sample as malicious (0% detection rate)
source External System

General

- Contains object with compressed stream data
details Object ID 67 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 70 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 73 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 76 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 79 contains compressed stream data: No filters

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Object ID 82 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 85 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 88 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 91 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 94 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 97 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 100 contains compressed stream data: No filters
Object ID 104 contains compressed stream data: No filters

source Static Parser
Attack ID MITRE Attack matrix

- Creates mutants
details "\Sessions\1\BaseNamedObjects\Local\Acrobat Instance Mutex"
"DBWinMutex"
"Local\Acrobat Instance Mutex"
"\Sessions\1\BaseNamedObjects\DBWinMutex"
"com.adobe.acrobat.rna.RdrCefBrowserLock.DC"
"\Sessions\1\BaseNamedObjects\com.adobe.acrobat.rna.RdrCefBrowserLock.DC"
source Created Mutant
- PDF contains no significat text data on the first pages
details The input only has "175" visible characters on the first 5 page(s)
source Static Parser
- PDF file has an e,bedded URL
details "http://firstpost.com" (Based on: "cf6fe6289fb14a842792b8e97e473f7fd0e74c0f35bfff92dce65bec11999973.bin")
"http://UN.org" (Based on: "cf6fe6289fb14a842792b8e97e473f7fd0e74c0f35bfff92dce65bec11999973.bin")
"http://scroll.in" (Based on: "cf6fe6289fb14a842792b8e97e473f7fd0e74c0f35bfff92dce65bec11999973.bin")
"http://AntiWar.com" (Based on: "cf6fe6289fb14a842792b8e97e473f7fd0e74c0f35bfff92dce65bec11999973.bin")
"http://KashmirWatch.com" (Based on: "cf6fe6289fb14a842792b8e97e473f7fd0e74c0f35bfff92dce65bec11999973.bin")
source String
- Process launched with changed environment
details Process "RdrCEF.exe" was launched with modified environment variables: "Path"
source Monitored Target
- Scanning for window names
details "AcroRd32.exe" searching for class "AdobeAcrobatSpeedLaunchCmdWnd"
"AcroRd32.exe" searching for class "AdobeReaderSpeedLaunchCmdWnd"
"AcroRd32.exe" searching for window "_AcroAppTimer"

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"AcroRd32.exe" searching for class "Acrobat Instance Window Class"
"AcroRd32.exe" searching for class "JFWUI2"
"AcroRd32.exe" searching for class "ACROSEMAPHORE_R18"
"AcroRd32.exe" searching for class "Shell_TrayWnd"
source API Call
- Spawns new processes
details Spawned process "RdrCEF.exe" with commandline "–backgroundcolor=16448250"
Spawned process "RdrCEF.exe" with commandline "--type=renderer – primordial-pipe-token=A3D6895BECCE912ACC6EA248 ..."
Spawned process "RdrCEF.exe" with commandline "--type=renderer – primordial-pipe-token=B3E89CB1003FBC9238EFC7FE ..."
- **source** Monitored Target

Installation/Persistance

- Dropped files
details "A9R62ccb4_10ujo10_1gw.tmp" has type "data"
"A9Rj94yef_10ujo14_1gw.tmp" has type "Zip data (MIME type "application/vnd.adobe.air-ucf-package+zip"?)"
"GlobSettings" has type "ASCII text"
"SharedDataEvents-journal" has type "SQLite Rollback Journal"
"data_1" has type "data"
"Visited Links" has type "data"
"0FDED5CEB68C302B1CDB2BDDD9D0000E76539CB0.crl" has type "data"
"TMDocs.sav" has type "data"
"TMGrpPrm.sav" has type "data"
"SharedDataEvents" has type "SQLite 3.x database"
"A9Rttmk6k_10ujo12_1gw.tmp" has type "data"
"CE338828149963DCEA4CD26BB86F0363B4CA0BA5.crl" has type "data"
"A9Rw39gdz_10ujo13_1gw.tmp" has type "data"
source Extracted File
- Found a string that may be used as part of an injection method
details "Shell_TrayWnd" (Taskbar window class may be used to inject into explorer with the SetWindowLong method)
source String
- Touches files in the Windows directory
details "RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\System32\oleaccrc.dll"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Globalization\Sorting\SortDefault.nls"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\System32\KBDUS.DLL"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\ARIALN.TTF"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\ariali.ttf"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\ARIALNI.TTF"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\ARIALNB.TTF"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\arialbi.ttf"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\ARIALNBI.TTF"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\ariblk.ttf"

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"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\arial.ttf"
"RdrCEF.exe" touched file "%WINDIR%\Fonts\arialbd.ttf"
source API Call

Network Related
- Found potential URL in binary/memory
details Pattern match: "http://firstpost.com"
Pattern match: "http://UN.org"
Pattern match: "http://scroll.in"
Pattern match: "http://AntiWar.com"
Pattern match: "http://KashmirWatch.com"
Heuristic match: "_3suk?%.Ug"
Pattern match: "www.Sov"
Heuristic match: "Star.com"
source String

File Details

Filename Kite-Fights-The-Proxy-Wars-Behind-the-Kabul-Gurdwara-Massacre.pdf
Size 6.5MiB
Type pdf
Description pages 52
Architecture WINDOWS
SHA256 cf6fe6289fb14a842792b8e97e473f7fd0e74c0f35bfff92dce65bec11999973

Processes

Analysed 4 processes in total.

- AcroRd32.exe "C:\Kite-Fights-The-Proxy-Wars-Behind-the-Kabul-Gurdwara-Massacre.pdf" (PID: 1904)
  - RdrCEF.exe --backgroundcolor=16448250 (PID: 4028)
    - RdrCEF.exe --type=renderer --primordial-pipe-token=A3D6895BECCE912ACC6EA248E0710FF7 --lang=en-US --disable-pack-loading --lang=en-US --log-file="%PROGRAMFILES%\Adobe\Acrobat Reader DC\Reader\AcroCEF\debug.log" --log-severity=disable --product-version="ReaderServices/18.11.20036 Chrome/59.0.3071.15" --enable-pinch --device-scale-factor=1 --num-raster-threads=1 --content-image-texture-target=0,0,3553;0,1,3553;0,2,3553;0,3,3553;0,4,3553;0,5,3553;0,6,3553;0,7,3553;0,8,3553;0,9,3553;0,10,3553;0,11,3553;0,12,3553;0,13,3553;0,14,3553;0,15,3553;0,16,3553;1,0,3553;1,1,3553;1,2,3553;1,3,3553;1,4,3553;1,5,3553;1,6,3553;1,7,3553;1,8,3553;1,9,3553;1,10,3553;1,11,3553;1,12,3553;1,13,3553;1,14,3553;1,15,3553;1,16,3553;2,0,3553;2,1,3553;2,2,3553;2,3,3553;2,4,3553;2,5,3553;2,6,3553;2,7,3553;2,8,3553;2,9,3553;2,10,

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- RdrCEF.exe --type=renderer --primordial-pipe-token=B3E89CB1003FBC9238EFC7FEB3B62C1A --lang=en-US --disable-pack-loading --lang=en-US --log-file="%PROGRAMFILES%\Adobe\Acrobat Reader DC\Reader\AcroCEF\debug.log" --log-severity=disable --product-version="ReaderServices/18.11.20036 Chrome/59.0.3071.15" --enable-pinch --device-scale-factor=1 --num-raster-threads=1 --content-image-texture-target=0,0,3553;0,1,3553;0,2,3553;0,3,3553;0,4,3553;0,5,3553;0,6,3553;0,7,3553;0,8,3553;0,9,3553;0,10,3553;0,11,3553;0,12,3553;0,13,3553;0,14,3553;0,15,3553;0,16,3553;1,0,3553;1,1,3553;1,2,3553;1,3,3553;1,4,3553;1,5,3553;1,6,3553;1,7,3553;1,8,3553;1,9,3553;1,10,3553;1,11,3553;1,12,3553;1,13,3553;1,14,3553;1,15,3553;1,16,3553;2,0,3553;2,1,3553;2,2,3553;2,3,3553;2,4,3553;2,5,3553;2,6,3553;2,7,3553;2,8,3553;2,9,3553;2,10,3553;2,11,3553;2,12,3553;2,13,3553;2,14,3553;2,15,3553;2,16,3553;3,0,3553;3,1,3553;3,2,3553;3,3,3553;3,4,3553;3,5,3553;3,6,3553;3,7,3553;3,8,3553;3,9,3553;3,10,3553;3,11,3553;3,12,3553;3,13,3553;3,14,3553;3,15,3553;3,16,3553;4,0,3553;4,1,3553;4,2,3553;4,3,3553;4,4,3553;4,5,3553;4,6,3553;4,7,3553;4,8,3553;4,9,3553;4,10,3553;4,11,3553;4,12,3553;4,13,3553;4,14,3553;4,15,3553;4,16,3553 --disable-accelerated-video-decode --disable-webrtc-hw-vp8-encoding --disable-gpu-compositing --service-request-channel-token=B3E89CB1003FBC9238EFC7FEB3B62C1A --renderer-client-id=3 --mojo-platform-channel-handle=1320 --allow-no-sandbox-job /prefetch:1 (PID: 308)

Network Analysis

DNS Requests
No relevant DNS requests were made
Contacted Hosts
No relevant hosts were contacted
HTTP Traffic

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No relevant HTTP requests were made

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If interested we can share the full report for analysis. Pls write to us: thedisinfolab.org@gmail.com

Deleting the Traces

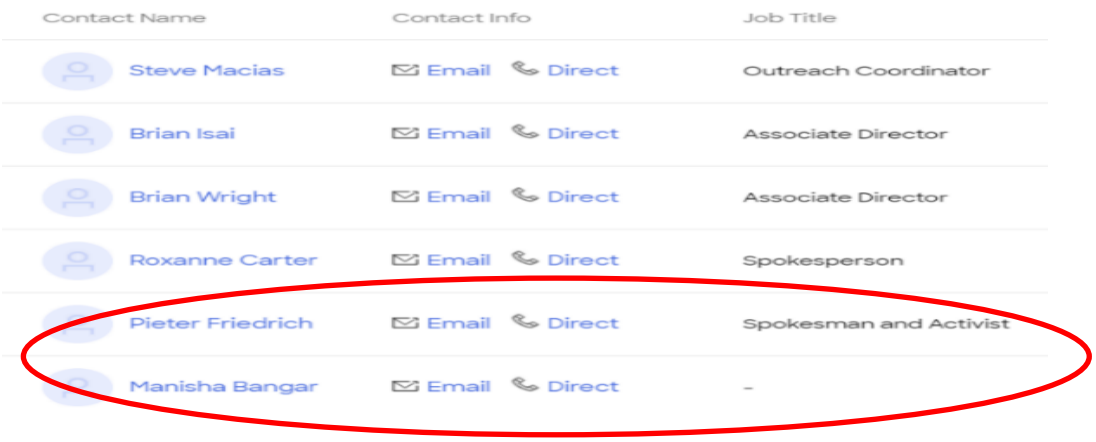
To use PG Wodehouse, a rather rummy thing was happening while we were doing our research. A number of the main players of our story started locking away their profile, and in some cases even deleted their social media presence. This all happened in last one month.

Likewise, out of the blue, Pieter Friedrich also started giving details about his life – that too in last 2 weeks. The information that he never volunteered in more than a decade nor was he asked, was now being provided without prodding!

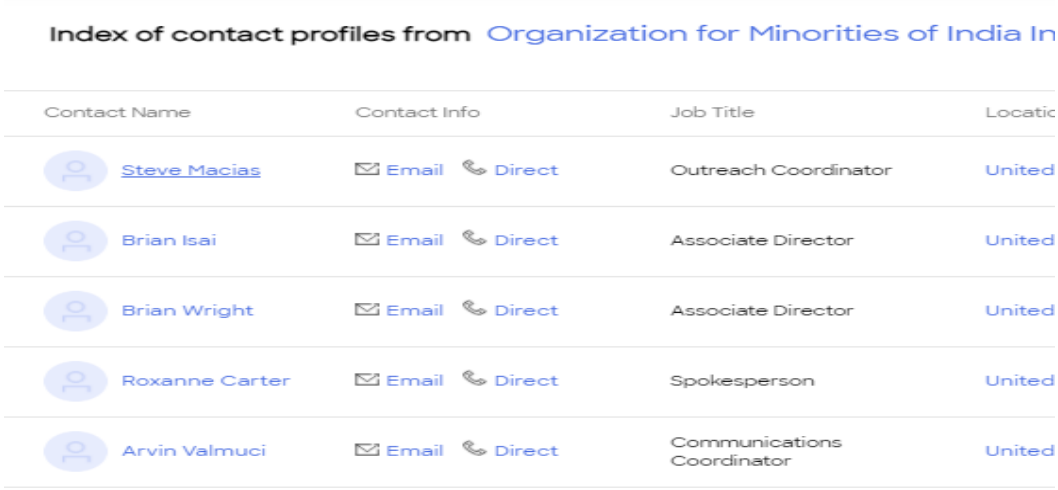
They also started deleting several articles and other traces linking them with each other. We did miss some of this, but once noticed, we started archiving the links and taking screenshot. The deleting of traces not only tells a story of and about the network, but also adds an evidence.

Removing Linkages

OFMI's company details are changed. Names of Pieter Friedrich, Bhajan Singh Bhinder and Manisha Bangar are removed. Also, now they have added Arvin Valmuci whose identity remains suspicious. No details can be found about him.



Contact Name	Contact Info	Job Title
Steve Macias	Email Direct	Outreach Coordinator
Brian Isai	Email Direct	Associate Director
Brian Wright	Email Direct	Associate Director
Roxanne Carter	Email Direct	Spokesperson
Pieter Friedrich	Email Direct	Spokesman and Activist
Manisha Bangar	Email Direct	-

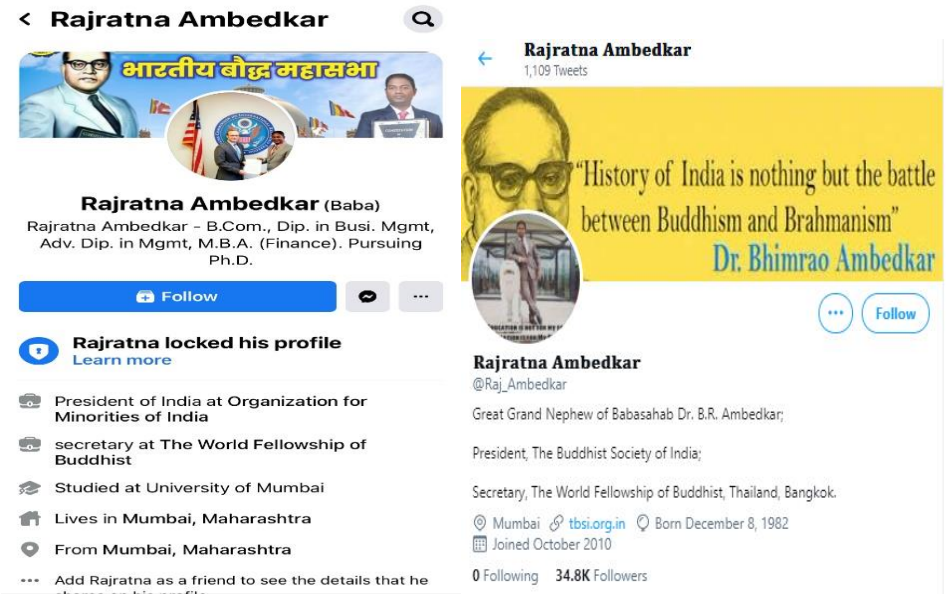


Index of contact profiles from Organization for Minorities of India In

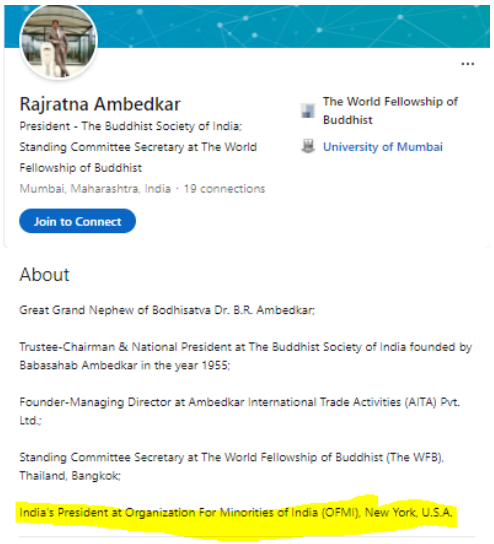
Contact Name	Contact Info	Job Title	Locatic
Steve Macias	Email Direct	Outreach Coordinator	United
Brian Isai	Email Direct	Associate Director	United
Brian Wright	Email Direct	Associate Director	United
Roxanne Carter	Email Direct	Spokesperson	United
Arvin Valmuci	Email Direct	Communications Coordinator	United

https://www.zoominfo.com/pic/organization-for-minorities-of-india-inc/356916197?[39]

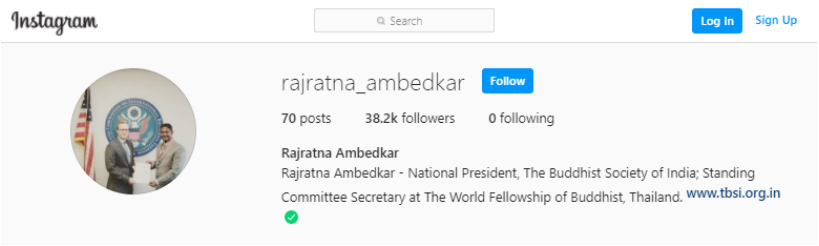
- **Rajratna Ambedkar hides his linkages with OFMI**
  Rajratna Ambedkar has been appointed as the head of OFMI but he has never spoken on behalf of it. His link with Bhajan Singh Bhinder can be seen in his facebook profile.



[39] *https://www.zoominfo.com/pic/organization-for-minorities-of-india-inc/356916197*?

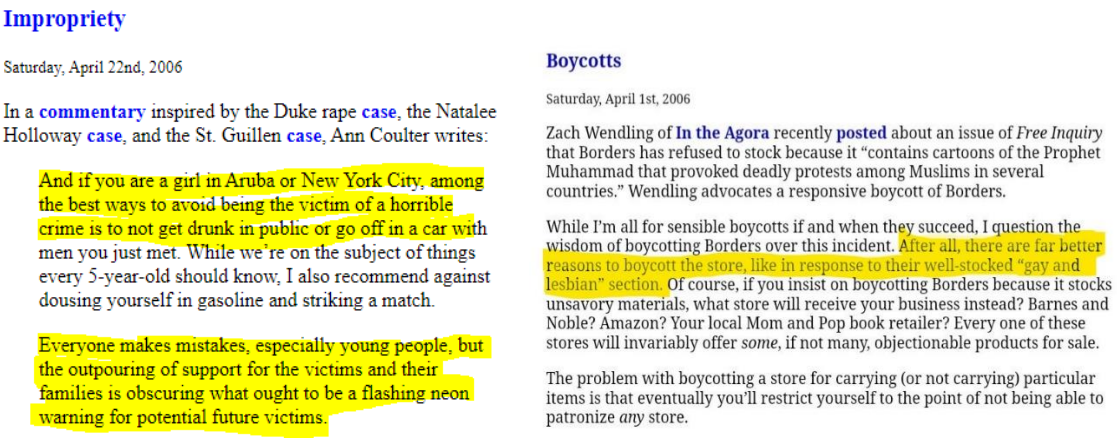


Bhajan Singh (Left), Rajratna Ambedkar (Far right)



1. Deleting the Past

- Pieter Friedrich has deleted his blog 'Pumpkinhead' where he had shamed rape-victims and provided repulsive anti-LGBT anecdotes.



Impropriety

Saturday, April 22nd, 2006

In a **commentary** inspired by the Duke rape **case**, the Natalee Holloway **case**, and the St. Guillen **case**, Ann Coulter writes:

> And if you are a girl in Aruba or New York City, among the best ways to avoid being the victim of a horrible crime is to not get drunk in public or go off in a car with men you just met. While we're on the subject of things every 5-year-old should know, I also recommend against dousing yourself in gasoline and striking a match.
>
> Everyone makes mistakes, especially young people, but the outpouring of support for the victims and their families is obscuring what ought to be a flashing neon warning for potential future victims.

Boycotts

Saturday, April 1st, 2006

Zach Wendling of **In the Agora** recently **posted** about an issue of *Free Inquiry* that Borders has refused to stock because it "contains cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad that provoked deadly protests among Muslims in several countries." Wendling advocates a responsive boycott of Borders.

While I'm all for sensible boycotts if and when they succeed, I question the wisdom of boycotting Borders over this incident. After all, there are far better reasons to boycott the store, like in response to their well-stocked "gay and lesbian" section. Of course, if you insist on boycotting Borders because it stocks unsavory materials, what store will receive your business instead? Barnes and Noble? Amazon? Your local Mom and Pop book retailer? Every one of these stores will invariably offer *some*, if not many, objectionable products for sale.

The problem with boycotting a store for carrying (or not carrying) particular items is that eventually you'll restrict yourself to the point of not being able to patronize *any* store.

Archived Link: https://web.archive.org/web/20060615054047/http://pieterfriedrich.com/wordpress/[40]

- Pieter deletes a tweet where he calls himself a missionary who wants to show that Jesus Christ is the truth.

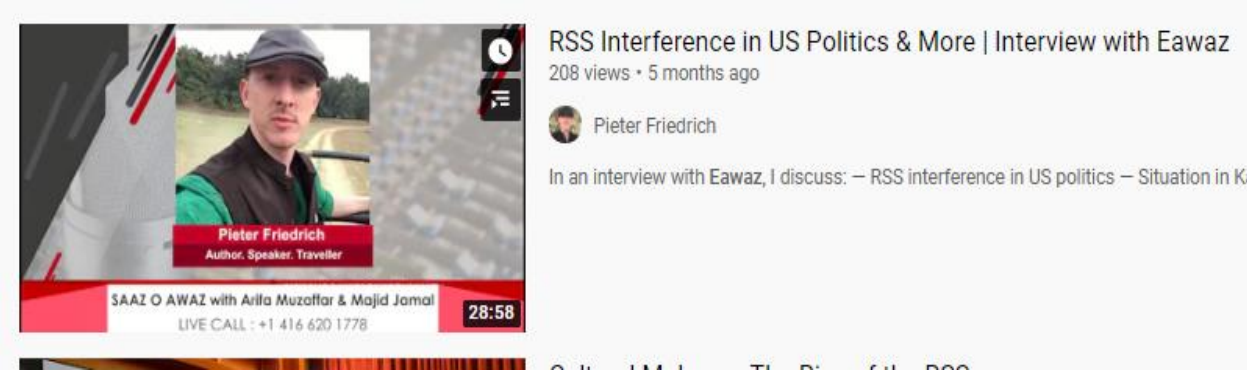
[40] https://web.archive.org/web/20060615054047/http://pieterfriedrich.com/wordpress/

- **OFMI removes some articles from its website.**
  - *Indian Minorities Protest Ottawa Gandhi Statue* ***(2009)***
  - *Human Rights Group Demands Visa Denial for Kamal Nath* ***(2010)***
  - *Controversy Over Proposed Gandhi Statue at California Capitol* ***(2010)***
  - *Indian Minorities Will Protest SF Gandhi Statue* ***(2010)***
  - *Indian Minorities Demand Removal of SF Gandhi Statue* ***(2010)***
  - *Indian Diaspora Divided by Gandhi-Inspired Dandi March II* ***(2011)***
  - *Ambedkarite Rally Upstages Gandhi's Dandi March* ***(2011)***
  - *South Asians in USA Question Badal's Vision of Liberty* ***(2011)***
  - *A Letter to U.S. Congress: Deny Indian Police Officers Entry* ***(2011)***
  - *New Report Reveals Indian Police Encouraged Massacre of Orissan Christians* ***(2011)***
  - *February Fundraiser Seeks Justice For Victims Of Indian Police Atrocities* ***(2012)***
  - *Indian Minorities Ask California Governor Brown to Reject Indian Consulate Rally* ***(2012)***
  - *Delhi Student's Rape Mirrors New Delhi Leadership's Rape of India, say Indian Minorities* ***(2013)***
  - *South Asians and African-Americans to Honor Dr. King's Legacy at California Capitol* ***(2013)***
  - *South Asians: New Face Animates American Civil Rights Movement at California Capitol* ***(2013)***
  - *South Asian Americans Petition White House to Reassess Gandhi* ***(2013)***
  - *Gandhi spread racial hatred and was pro-caste says petition to President Obama* ***(2013)***
  - *White House yanks petition to reassess Obama's hero Gandhi* ***(2013)***

- **Deleting Pakistani RJ's linkages with Pieter Friedrich**

Pieter was interviewed by Pakistani RJ Arifa Muzzafar and Majid Jamal in 2019 and 2020 for their show Saaz o Awaz. Surprisingly, the radio channels 'EAWAZ Radio & TV' is not uploaded on their YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRWOUi3KYh8[41] *– Uploaded by Pieter in 2019.*



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q06Ak24X_bU&feature=youtu.be [42]*– Uploaded by Pieter in 2020*

2. Whitewashing

Pieter who claims to be a South Asian Expert and has written several books has only now updated (February 9) his credentials on his blog 'My Credentials[43]'. Likewise, he has also volunteered details about family background. Once her mother deactivates her own social media account a week before!

Desperate times, Desperate moves

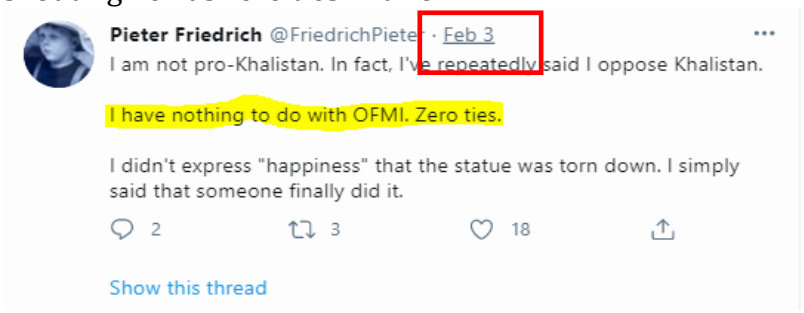
Pieter Friedrich starts denying his linkages with OFMI while defending allegations on OFMI being a Khalistani separatist organization.

[41] *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRWOUi3KYh8*

[42] *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q06Ak24X_bU&feature=youtu.be*

[43] My Credentials : My Credentials. A curriculum vitae | by Pieter Friedrich | Feb, 2021 | Medium

This intensified when NDTV India has published an article[44] calling Pieter & Bhajan Singh Bhinder as leaders of OFMI. Pieter posted multiple tweet threads on the same shouting he has zero ties with OFMI.



- **Pieter brings his family**
  Pieter starts posting threads about his family trying explaining his past.

3. The Ghosts

[44] article : Indian Americans Condemn Vandalisation Of Statue, Say Mahatma Gandhi Is Our Inspiration (ndtv.com)

- **Arvin Valmuci**
  Speaking for years on behalf of OFMI but without a face. Now OFMI has promoted him as one of its directors, after 13 years serving as communication coordinator/ spokesperson. Again, rather peculiar for an organization to keep its media face hidden from public while highlighting other members.

Leadership

Staff

Bhajan Singh
Founding Director
Bhajan is a businessman, community organizer, publ
nations.
Contact: singh.b [at] ofmi [dot] org

Arvin Valmuci
Communications Coordinator
Arvin is an activist based in North America who con
Contact: arvin.v [at] ofmi [dot] org

- **Roxanne Carter**
  Another invisible identity who has been introduced recently, and 'speaks' on behalf of OFMI, but is apparently camera shy and never comes publicly. OFMI mentions her as one of their spokespersons.

Roxanne Carter, speaking on behalf of Organization for Minorities of India (OFMI), says she is shocked that America's highest civilian honor is even being considered for Gandhi. "As a woman, I cannot agree with awarding any medal to a man who sexually exploited women," comments Carter. "Gandhi's legacy of sexual misconduct has been intentionally overlooked and excused by so many. It's disheartening that a Congresswoman like Carolyn Maloney, who is known for her commitment to furthering the cause of women's rights and development, has introduced House Resolution 6916 to recognize a sexual predator."

- **Brian Isai**
  Another OFMI kind of activist. OFMI starts looping him from 2019. He also is a faceless identity.

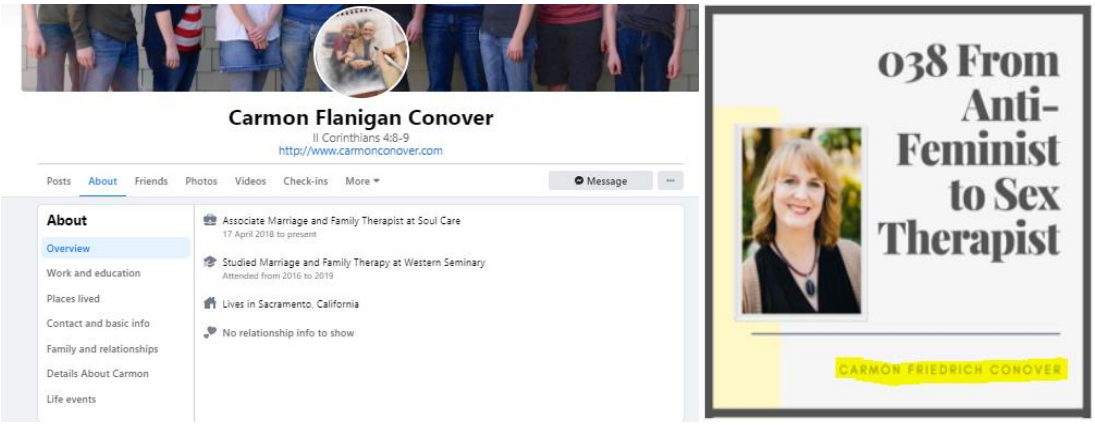
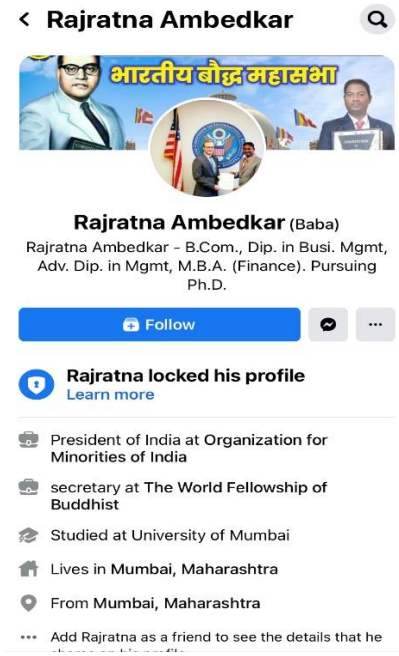
Brian Isai, an associate director of OFMI, says HAF's "history of toeing the Hindu nationalist line" is "troubling."

"The board members of HAF have a troubling history of toeing the Hindu nationalist line," says Isai. "They have repeatedly justified some of the worst major state-sponsored atrocities against India's minorities. That includes excusing the 2002

4. Locking up profiles

- Bhinder's 'locked' his friend list on his Facebook profile, in January this year. While it is a general practice, the time period is same when others are also hiding details.

- **Pieter's Mother deactivates her twitter account in Jan 2021**



- OFMI's India head Rajratna Ambedkar locks his Facebook profile in Feb 2021. He has not mentioned his link with OFMI on his twitter profile but his facebook & Linkedin profile gives it all.