

Won't let punjab and punjabis to suffer any more at the hands of disruptive forces : Badal

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INVC NEWS Gurdaspur, Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Parkash Singh Badal today reaffirmed his commitment not to let Punjab and Punjabis to suffer any more on count of false propaganda unleashed by the disruptive, anti-Punjab and anti-Panthic forces and their nefarious designs, which were hell bent upon to stir up the religious sentiments of the people with an ulterior motive to disturb the hard earned peace and harmony in the state. Addressing the mammoth Sadbhawna rally here, the Chief Minister said that the real objective of these rallies being organized across the state was to further cement the bonds of peace, communal harmony, amity and brotherhood besides sensitizing the people about the very need of these factors to ensure development and prosperity in the state. It was also aimed at rejuvenating the confidence and trust of the people especially the Hindus, who were feeling dejected due to the recent happenings in the state. Punjab had been a votary of unity, peace, tranquility, which had ever kept its social fabric intact despite several provocations by the anti-social elements from time to time. He said, "We the people of Punjab have invoked a sense of harmony, peace and amity from our great Gurus, seers, saints and prophets." The Chief Minister recalled that the Sikhs have imbibed the spirit of self sacrifice from our great Gurus- Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji, Sri Guru Teg Bhadur Ji and Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, who called upon the entire mankind not to bow before the injustice and tyranny besides preaching a message for love, compassion, tolerance and brotherhood. The Chief Minister said that SAD-BJP alliance had played a vanguard role in bringing peace and tranquility in the state from the black days of militancy, which claimed nearly 21,000 innocent lives. Training guns at the Congress party, Mr. Badal said that its leadership could go to any extent to stoke fires in the peaceful atmosphere just to gain political mileage from such highly sensitive and emotive situations. Mr. Badal said that he was deeply aghast by the unfortunate incidents of desecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji in the state. The Chief Minister said that he was ready to sacrifice his life for the sake of peace and harmony in the state as it was the most pious mission of his life and even top priority of his government. He said, "I have even advised Sukhbir that we should ever ready for any sacrifice to safeguard the rights of Punjabis on one hand and ensure overall development and welfare of its people on the other. Buoyed over massive response to these Sadbhawna rallies organized at Jalandhar, Moga and Gurdaspur, the Chief Minister said that he was expecting far more participation of people in the forthcoming rallies at Jalandhar and Sri Khadoor Sahib, adding he said that several more such rallies would be organized across the state. He highly appreciated the peace loving people of state for giving massive and enthusiastic response to these Sadbhawna rallies but at the same time exhorted them to preserve the hard earned peace and tranquility in the state at every cost. Sounding a warning signal to the divisive forces inimical to Punjab's interests, the Chief Minister asked the people not to be swayed by their sheer provocation with the sole motive to emotionally blackmail the innocent Punjabis especially the Sikhs in the name of religion, adding he said that we have already paid a heavy price for such gimmicks and could not suffer anymore as we have already been deprived of our religious shrines viz Gurdwara Sri Nankana Sahib and Sri Panja Sahib now in Pakistan. He categorically said that if these anti-Punjab and anti-Panthic forces continued to tread on the same path tomorrow we might also be dispossessed of our sacred Takht Sri Patna Sahib in Patna (Bihar) and Takht Sri Hazoor Sahib Nanded in Maharashtra and merely left with no other option except repentance and agony. In his address during a rally of gigantic proportions, the Punjab Deputy Chief Minister S. Sukhbir Singh Badal today castigated the Congress for hobnobbing with anti-national and anti-Punjab forces out to foment trouble in the state. He further said that the state government would not spare anybody poisoning the communal harmony of the state and would take

severe action against such anti-Punjab and anti-national elements. Mr. Badal also announced the SAD would respond to the December 13 Bathinda rally of the Congress party in a befitting manner by holding a mammoth rally on the same day opposite the New Moti Bagh palace residence of newly appointed Punjab Congress president Captain Amarinder Singh in Patiala. Lambasting Captain Amrinder Singh for being in-league with anti-national khalistani elements, he pointed towards the visit to Dixie gurudwara in Canada by Captain Amarinder Singh during his tenure as Chief Minister. He said that it was extremely shameful for Captain Amarinder Singh to hobnob with separatist elements while being on a constitutional post. Further lampooning the Congress, S. Badal said it had stooped to such a low level that it was ready to adopt any means to gain political prominence and wrest power. He added that the recent unfortunate incidents of sacrilege of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji had caused extreme pain and shock to every person around the globe. He also said that the congress hatched a conspiracy to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere of the state by resorting to such heinous incidents. Coming down heavily on the Gandhi family, S. Badal said that this family has a long tradition of being the sworn enemy of Punjab and Sikhs in particular. He divulged that this was the same family which attacked the holiest of holy shrines Sri Akal Takht Sahib, carried out the ethnic cleansing of Sikhs in 1984 and brought the state to the brink of disaster. He said now Rahul Gandhi, the scion of the same family, was shedding crocodile tears over the sacrilege incidents and being true to his family traditions by inciting innocent people against the lawfully elected government. Elaborating more, he said the same Rahul Gandhi, who was now showing his so called concern for people, was in the forefront of a Congress hatched deep rooted plot to brand the entire Punjabi youth as drug addicts whereas the truth was that Punjab was fighting nation's battle against drugs. SAD President also informed that the so called gathering on November 10 also had the tacit approval and blessings of the Gandhi family on whose command the Punjab Congress allowed its leaders to participate in the gathering where anti-national resolutions were passed. Calling Captain Amarinder Singh the biggest liar, S. Badal asked him to explain why he had aligned himself with a party which had repeatedly attacked and harmed the sikh institutions such as Sri Akal Takht Sahib, SGPC and the SAD. Making a pitch for development, the Deputy Chief Minister elaborated that it was the ruling SAD-BJP government which had carried out all round development of the state by people friendly initiatives for health and accidental Insurance for farmers, businessmen, giving nod to the advertising of over 1 Lakh jobs, strengthening of road infrastructure and increase in old age pension. He dared Captain Amarinder Singh to list even a single achievement during his tenure as Chief Minister. Speaking on the occasion, Revenue and Public Relations Minister Mr. Bikram Singh Majithia said that Congress was hand in glove with the anti-Punjab and anti-Panthic forces in organizing a function at Chabba, which was reflective of its nefarious designs to create a wedge between the peace loving people of Punjab, thereby posing a major threat to the Hindu-Sikh unity, living peacefully in our state. He lambasted at Capt. Amarinder Singh who openly sided with his Congress leaders, who not only participated but pro-actively organized this function, clearly vindicated the stand of SAD-BJP alliance that the Congress Party's credentials as secular was merely a sham. He dared Capt. Amarinder Singh, "How he could evade responsibility of his party's involvement in the Chabba gathering despite the fact that these leaders openly supported all the anti-Punjab and anti-Panthic resolutions adopted there?" Mr. Majithia said that Mr. Badal was a true Panthic leader, who had ever stood firmly to uphold the Sikh values and traditions by observing all the centenary functions related to the mega events in the glorious Sikh history besides erecting several monuments and memorials to re-live the watershed movements in the Sikhism. Speaking on the occasion, BJP Punjab State Unit President Mr. Kamal Sharma lauded the initiative of the Chief Minister for organizing these rallies in the state, which would certainly go a long way in creating awareness amongst the people about the significance of peace and harmony for achieving growth and prosperity besides giving a befitting reply to the fissiparous forces, which were all out to disturb the hard earned peace and harmony in the state. In his address, BJP National Secretary Tarun Chugh said that Congress leadership was sadly mistaken that Capt. Amarinder Singh as new PPCC Chief would rejuvenate the sagging Congress, which was a badly divided house as on today and there was hardly any chance of its revival in near future too. Mr. Chugh hoped that Captain's arrogance would certainly improve their winning prospects with taking over the command of Congress by him as compared to Partap Singh Bajwa, which now seemingly appeared to be far more comfortable for SAD-BJP alliance to register a hat-trick during the forthcoming 2017 Assembly polls. Likewise, the so called Aam Adami Party was no more an Aam Party but a Khaas Party, which had no locus standi at all in the state as there was fierce infighting amongst its

leadership in Punjab. Meanwhile, the senior Akali leader Jathedar Sucha Singh Langah conducted the proceedings of the Sadbhawna rally and said these rallies would surely galvanize the entire rank and file of the Shiromani Akali Dal besides inculcating the sense of peace, communal harmony and brotherhood amongst the masses regardless of the political affiliation across the state. Prominent amongst others present on the occasion included senior Akali leader and ex-Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Nirmal Singh Kahlon, senior BJP leader Master Mohan Lal, Chief Parliamentary Secretaries Gurbachan Singh Babbehali and Desh Raj Dhugga, senior Akali leader and former Minister Jathedar Sucha Singh Langah, MLA Bholath, President Istri Akali Dal and former President SGPC Bibi Jagir Kaur, Chairman Punjab State Technical Education Board Jathedar Sewa Singh Sekhwan, MLA Pathankot Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Deputy Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Dinesh Singh, MLA Bhoa Seema Kumari, BJP leaders Swarn Slaria and Rakesh Rathore. Apart from these several SAD-BJP leaders and workers and members of the SGPC also attended the Sadbhawna rally.

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