

CANADA ALLEGES ANTI-SIKH CAMPAIGN

MODI GOVERNMENT

Top Indian
diplomat, five
others expelled

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The killing of a Sikh separatist in Canada last year was part of a broader campaign of violence against Indian dissidents directed by a senior official in the Indian government and an operative in the country's spy agency, according to Canadian officials who cited intercepted Indian communications and other newly acquired information.

Canadian authorities have also identified at least six Indian diplomats serving in Canada who were directly involved in gathering detailed intelligence on Sikh separatists who were then killed, attacked or threatened by India's criminal proxies, Canadian officials said.

Canada ordered all six of those diplomats to leave the country in notices that were sent early Monday, the officials said. Among them were India's top diplomat in the country, Sanjay Kumar Verma, and its top consular official in Toronto, the officials said. India said it withdrew the diplomats over concerns for their safety.

The previously undisclosed details about India's alleged involvement in the 2023 death of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in B.C. and other attacks stem from an ongoing RCMP investigation that authorities said has uncovered extensive evidence linking a larger outbreak of violence in Canada to the administration of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"We know they are involved in the Nijjar killing, in other murders and in ongoing violence — actual violence — in Canada," said a senior Canadian official.

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