
Security issues with India remain, minister says

Counters an official's earlier statement on eve of PM's trip

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OTTAWA • Public Safety Minister Gary Anandasangaree said there are still “outstanding” security issues with India, the day after a senior government official stated that Indian agents are no longer linked to violent threats in Canada.

On Thursday morning, Anandasangaree refused to repeat the statement by the senior government official, instead noting there is still “a lot more work to do” on the file of transnational repression linked to India.

The minister noted that while Canada and India are working on increasing bilateral economic and diplomatic ties, there are also at times “difficult conversations around safe-

ty and security of Canadians.”

“Of course, there are still outstanding issues that we’re going to work through,” Anandasangaree told reporters on the sidelines of a Thursday morning National Police Federation event on the need for lawful access reform in Canada.

“There’s still a lot more work to do, and we will do that work.”

On Wednesday, during a background briefing for reporters on Prime Minister Mark Carney’s 10-day visit to India, Australia and Japan, a senior government official said that India is no longer interfering in Canadian affairs.

“We’re confident that that activity is not continuing,” the official said of previous allegations the agents of the government of India were linked to many violent crimes or threats in Canada, including the murder of B.C. Sikh-Canadian leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023.

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