

## **US foils plot to assassinate Sikh separatist on American soil**

US authorities thwarted a conspiracy to assassinate a Sikh separatist in America and issued a warning to India's government over concerns that it was involved, said people familiar with the case.

The target was Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, an American and Canadian citizen who is general counsel for Sikhs for Justice, a US-based group pushing for an independent Sikh state called Khalistan.

People familiar with the case did not say whether the protest to New Delhi led the plotters to abandon their plan or whether the FBI intervened and foiled a scheme already in motion.

The US informed some allies of the plot following the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian Sikh separatist killed in Vancouver in June.