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UK government urged to grant Jagtar Singh Johal Diplomatic Protection

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The demand is clear: the UK government should formally grant Diplomatic Protection to Jagtar Singh Johal without any further delay.

This is not a routine consular case. If the UK invokes Diplomatic Protection, Jagtar's case would be elevated into a formal state-to-state legal dispute between Britain and India — exactly the level of action this scandal now demands.

By taking this step, the UK would officially recognise Jagtar's allegations, including claims that his initial confession was extracted under torture, as an injury to the British state itself. That would give the government the legal basis to pursue formal remedies against India under international law.

There is precedent. In 2019, the UK used Diplomatic Protection in the case of Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe while she was detained in Iran. The government cannot claim this tool is extraordinary when it has already used it before.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, Chief Executive for Political Engagement, said confidential information had already been provided to the UK government, including serious risks to Jagtar's safety.

"We have provided confidential information to the UK government, including risks to Jagtar's safety that provides strong grounds to grant Diplomatic Protection," he said.

The UK government holds all the keys to get Jagtar home and we have cross-party political support to make this happen. The question is no longer whether the UK government can act — it is whether it has the will to do so.

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