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**Gang violence rooted in '80s terrorism**

To the editor:

Re: "Gangsters blasting away on streets of South Vancouver," Oct. 20.

The Canadian media continually refers to much of Vancouver's violence as the work of "Indo-Canadian gangs." It is important to understand some root causes and differences within the community. The majority of Vancouver's "Indo Canadians" are members of the Sikh faith, which is very distinct from the Hindu majority in India (82 per cent of the nation). According to RCMP figures, Hindus in Canada have very low crime rates.

The gang violence within the Sikh community is a spillover result of the vicious Khalistan terror movement. This movement resulted in the Air India bombing, and the wholesale criminalization of a generation of youth.

Having observed the racism and indifference of Canadian security agencies towards terrorist violence (as evidenced by the fact that the Air India perpetrators have gone unpunished), some misguided youth have concluded that violence and criminal activity are not penalized by a lax Canadian justice system.

The tolerance of Canadian security and politicians for Khalistan terrorists is the real root cause behind the surging violence within the "Sikh" community. We are essentially reaping what we unwisely sowed in the 1980s.

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