

Sikh group wants resolution honouring victims of post 9-11 hate crimes

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New York: In the wake of brutal assault on an elderly Sikh-American, an advocacy group here has asked lawmakers to support a resolution that honours victims of post-9/11 hate crimes, including Sikh-Americans, and to raise awareness about the community.

The Sikh Coalition is urging citizens to contact their Congressional representatives and request that they co-sponsor a resolution honouring the victims of hate crimes, including Sikh Americans, in the aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks.

The appeal by the group comes in the wake of the brutal attack on 53-year-old Inderjit Singh Mukker in Chicago's Darien suburb on September 8.

He was called "Terrorist, go back to your country, Bin Laden!" by his assailant, who repeatedly punched Mukker in the face, causing him to lose consciousness, bleed profusely and suffer a fractured cheekbone and a laceration to his cheek.

The suspect is in custody and the Darien Police Department has notified the Sikh Coalition that they are investigating this matter as a hate crime.

"On the eve of the 9/11 anniversary, the violent attack on Mukker is another painful reminder for all Americans that hate remains alive and well in the United States," Sikh Coalition said.

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