

Temple linked to terrorists still active

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia - A Sikh temple in Canada said it will conduct normal activities despite being denied charitable status for possible links to a terrorist organization. The Damesh Darbar temple in Surrey is still raising funds, holding weekly prayer services and hosting community events more than five years after the government refused to issue a charitable number, The Vancouver Sun reported Monday. The newspaper says the temple's application for charitable status was turned down because some of its leaders were former leaders of the International Sikh Youth Federation, considered a terrorist organization. A copy of a Canada Revenue Agency report obtained by the Sun said the two groups running the temple "may be functioning as part of a support network" for the Sikh youth federation. Last April the temple held a religious parade in Surrey that included several floats depicting Air India bombing mastermind Talwinder Singh Parmar and other terrorists. Some members in the crowd reportedly wore clothing emblazoned with the logo of the International Sikh Youth Federation.

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