

Sikhism at a glance



■ Monotheistic faith founded in 15th century in Punjab – area straddling border between Pakistan and India – by **Guru Nanak** and subsequently led by succession of nine other Gurus

■ Fifth-largest organised religion in the world with over 30m followers – including up to 500,000 in U.S.

■ Sikh place of worship, called **gurdwara**, can be identified by flagpoles carrying Sikh flag. Most revered site is **Golden Temple** at Amritsar, India



■ Observant Sikhs do not cut their hair. Male followers often wear turbans and do not shave their beards

■ In Sep 2001, an Arizona gas station owner, **Balbir Singh Sodhi**, was shot dead by man said to be seeking revenge on Muslims for 9/11