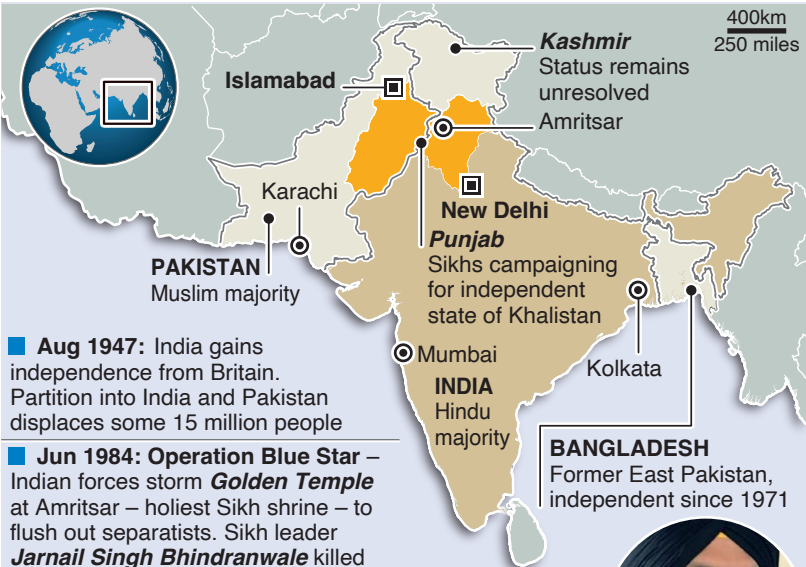


Row over Sikh leader's murder



■ **Aug 1947:** India gains independence from Britain. Partition into India and Pakistan displaces some 15 million people

■ **Jun 1984:** Operation Blue Star – Indian forces storm **Golden Temple** at Amritsar – holiest Sikh shrine – to flush out separatists. Sikh leader **Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale** killed



■ **Oct:** Prime Minister **Indira Gandhi** (left) is assassinated by her two Sikh bodyguards for ordering Blue Star. Her death triggers anti-Sikh riots, in which Hindu mobs brutalise and kill thousands of Sikhs

■ **1997:** Canadian citizen **Hardeep Singh Nijjar** (right) becomes president of Sikh temple in Vancouver



■ **2000:** Canadian police arrest **Ripudaman Singh Malik** in connection with Flight 182 bomb

■ **2005:** Malik acquitted of bombing

■ **Jun 2022:** Malik shot dead

■ **Jun 2023:** Nijjar shot dead near Sikh temple in Vancouver

■ **Sep 18:** Canada's Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** claims that "agents of the Indian government" were involved in assassination of Nijjar

■ **Sep 19:** Canada expels Indian diplomat. India expels Canadian diplomat in tit-for-tat move



■ **Jun 1985:** Air India Flight 182 from Canada, carrying 329 people including 268 Canadian citizens, destroyed by bomb off west coast of Ireland. Sikh separatist group implicated