

## Operation Black Thunder, Golden Temple, Amritsar (Punjab)

### OPERATION BLACK THUNDER-I

**Operation BLACK THUNDER-I** was conducted by National Security Guard in April 1986 to flush out extremists and terrorists from Golden Temple Complex, Amritsar. Due to precision and speed during conduct of the operation, it was code named as “**Operation Black Thunder**”. The Operation commenced on the night of 30 April 1986 and lasted till early morning of 01 May 1986. The entire operation was conducted bare footed with head covered by the troops and no one entered in the shrine maintaining the sanctity of Golden Temple. No collateral damage was caused during the operation. The troops apprehended 122 suspected personnel with no casualty to own troops.

### OPERATION BLACK THUNDER-II

Second part of the Operation was code named as **Operation BLACK THUNDER-II** and was conducted from 10 May to 19 May 1988 with similar aim as of **Operation BLACK THUNDER-I**. National Security Guard was deployed in the early morning of 11 May 1988. The snipers successfully neutralised terrorists at vantage points. An intermediate cease fire was announced on 13 May to allow terrorists to surrender. Operation was recommenced on 14 May which lasted till 19 May 1988. In the entire operation, due to steadfast and committed effort of National Security Guard 146 extremists had surrendered.

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