

Witness Biography: *International Court of Justice*  
**General J.J. Singh**  
*Chief of the Indian Army Staff (COAS)*



**Background:**

General Joginder Jaswant Singh comes from a family line of soldiers, himself being a third generation soldier. He was born in 1945 in Bahawalpur (now in Pakistan) and migrated to India in 1947. Like his grandfather, Singh also served under the Punjab Regiment along with the 103<sup>rd</sup>, 105<sup>th</sup>, 110<sup>th</sup>, 114<sup>th</sup>, and 117<sup>th</sup> Mahrattas. Despite his young age, Singh was the first in his 9 Maratha Light Infantry to attend Staff College and have thereafter contributed many professional articles concerning the Sino-Indian Border Dispute' and 'Strategy to Boost Defense Exports;' gaining him much recognition. He also became India's first Defense Attache to Algeria (1987-1990). Singh's services to the Indian Army have gained him much recognition and high positions in society. On January 20, 2005 Singh assumed the position in the Indian Army as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief of Army Staff.

**What he adds to the case:**

General Joginder Jaswant Singh is currently the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief of the Army Staff, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chief of Army Staff from the Western Command General, alumnus of National Defense Staff College, Army Training Command and Addition Director-General of Military Operations. General J.J. Singh has both the knowledge and experience of the current hot-topic, Sino-Indian conflict, which permits the legitimacy of his understanding of the problem and testifies for the right of the Indian Republic.

**View on the Issue:**

Being the chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army since 2005, J.J. Singh focuses on stomping out human-right abuses carried out by the Indian Army, Pakistan Army, as well as multiple terrorist groups in Kashmir. General Singh hope that the decrease in violence would further peace talks between the Republic of India and the Republic of Pakistan over the territory of Kashmir.

**Quote(s):**

On the topic of the Sino-Indian Border Dispute, Singh said that, "there cannot be demilitarism without the disengagement of the two armies from their positions on the border...demilitarisation is the second step," at a press conference in New Delhi on April 20, 2006.

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