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Judge issues order against Sikh youths

A judge issued a temporary restraining order Tuesday against members of a Sikh youth group to prevent them from taking over a Sikh temple in North Hollywood.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert O'Brien issued an order barring members of Sikh Youth of America from committing acts of violence or harassment against members of the Sikh Gurdwara of Los Angeles Inc. and to relinquish physical control of the temple at 7640 Lankershim Blvd., said the temple's attorney Kevin O'Connell.

O'Connell has filed a lawsuit against the youth group and at least 25 of its members contending the group is mounting a hostile and violent takeover of the temple. Another hearing on the matter is scheduled for Nov. 5.

O'Connell said members of the youth group beat up the temple's board of directors Oct. 3, and then on Oct. 10 physically took control of the temple and thousands of dollars of donations.

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