

Indian suspends visa services for Canadians amid diplomatic row

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Online Desk: India has suspended issuance of visas to Canadian citizens “till further notice.” BLS International — a private service provider hired for initial scrutiny of visa applications — published a notice on its website saying the visa services have been suspended till further notice “due to operational reasons,” reports NDTV.

This comes as India and Canada are locked in a diplomatic row over Ottawa’s claim that it has “credible” evidence linking New Delhi to the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a pro-Khalistan Sikh separatist.

The Indian foreign ministry has rejected the allegation as “absurd” and “motivated”. It is not yet clear if the suspension of visas is linked to that row, according to NDTV.