



Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

World Hindu Council

Hindu Australians Condemn Khalistani Targeting of Hindus Temple in Sydney and Demand Protection

Early morning of Friday, 5 May 2023, Khalistani extremists vandalised and defaced the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Western Sydney with anti-India graffiti and hanged a Khalistani flag on the gates of the temple.

VHP Australia strongly condemns the defacing and vandalism of the BAPS Hindu mandir or any place of worship or institution. This is a shameful hate crime intended to bully and terrorise the peaceful Hindu Australians.

The Khalistan delusion has caused much more serious harm across the world, certainly a lot more than what the Australian government is assessing and allowing these goons and anti-social elements to roam scot-free.

The Khalistan extremists have bombed an Air India flight in 1985 and murdered a sitting Indian Prime Minister. Therefore, we appeal to the Australian government that this threat should be taken seriously.

Australian government prides to be a successful experiment in multiculturalism but all these claims of equal rights and freedom to practice our faiths appears seriously in doubt when the government turns a blind eye towards ongoing attacks on Hindus.

We question that if such ongoing and incessant attacks were occurring at any other place of worship of any other religion, would the government still only issue empty statements.

Hindu community is a peace loving, progressive and inclusive community which believes in the values of 'Vasudevam Kutumbukam' (meaning the world is one family).

Such hate crimes by divisive anti-social Hindu phobic extremists against the Hindu community threaten to disrupt peace in our society and raise questions about whether enough is being done to address the alarming rise in anti-Hindu attacks by governments.

VHP requests the community to unite to look after and support the Hindu temples and associations.

VHP also asks the government and law enforcement agencies to take strong action to prevent such incidents and **call on the Australian government to ban all Khalistan related activities and groups in Australia.**

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