



# Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

## World Hindu Council

### **Hindu Australians Call for Authorities to Stop Pakistan-Backed Khalistani Targeting of Hindus and Hindu Temples Across North America and the United Kingdom**

Series of strategically targeted attacks against Hindus across North America, several of which were carried out by Pakistan-backed Khalistani extremists, is raising questions about whether enough is being done to address the alarming rise in anti-Hindu attacks by law enforcement.

On evening of 15 September 2022, Khalistani extremists vandalized and defaced the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Toronto spray painting saffron-coloured profanities on the temple's entrance including "Hindustan murdabad" which translates to "death to India" and "Khalistan zindabad" which translates to "long live Khalistan."

Khalistan is a made-up name for a non-existent nation idealized by Pakistani-backed Sikh obscurantists who wish to separate a part of India into a nation by that name even though the Khalistani narrative finds little to no support among Sikhs in India or elsewhere.

This incident follows a similar one last month where a Khalistani separatist berated a Hindu in a California Taco Bell based on his dietary preferences and his choice of attire.

Then again, on 17 September in UK's East Leicester, a Mandir Dhvaja (temple flag) was pulled down from the Leicestershire Brahma Samaj Shivalaya and desecrated and burned by a huge mob of Pakistani Islamist gang in front of the Leicestershire police.

VHP Australia strongly condemns the defacing and vandalization of the BAPS mandir or any mandir. This is a shameful hate crime of Hindu phobia, and blatant anti-India activity.

We expect full scrutiny and strict actions from the government of Canada and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Prime Minister of the UK Liz Truss in addressing these unacceptable crimes.

These attacks are a cause of concern for Hindu Australians and should be condemned by all. We request governments, politicians, and human rights groups to unite in building awareness against growing Hindu phobia and build concrete laws to tackle it.

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 groups against the Hindu community threaten to disrupt peace in our society.

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