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## World Hindu Council

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

The strategically targeted attacks against Hindus across North America, has travelled to Australia.

On evening of Wednesday, 11 January 2023, Khalistani extremists vandalized and defaced the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Melbourne with graffiti of slogan "Hindu-  
stan Murdabad", which translates to "death to India".

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

This attack is an exact copy of the incident in Toronto where these Khalistani extremists spray painted profanities on the entrance of largest Hindu temple in Canada.

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.

Khalistan Referendum campaign will be launched in Adelaide, and an international Khalistani representative is expected to visit Adelaide to promote this political terror outfit.

The Kahlistan extremists have bombed an Air India flight in 1985, so they should be taken seriously. There is a pattern that the campaigns are always followed by attacks on Hindus.

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.

Hindu Australians request governments, politicians, and human rights groups to unite to build awareness against growing Hindu phobia and **call on the Australian government to ban all Khalistan related activities and groups in Australia.**

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