



# Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc.

## World Hindu Council

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Strongly Condemns Targeted Terror Attack on Hindu Tourists in Kashmir**

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) of Australia Inc. unequivocally condemns the horrific and targeted terrorist attack on Hindu pilgrims in Pahalgam, Kashmir, on Tuesday, 22 April 2025.

Reports indicate that this was not a random act of violence but a premeditated hate crime. Victims were allegedly stopped, identified through ID cards, forced to recite Islamic verses, and executed upon confirmation of their Hindu identity. This appalling brutality—motivated purely by religious hatred—should shock the conscience of the global community.

The Hindu community worldwide is deeply anguished by this barbaric act. It is yet another tragic episode in a long-standing pattern of violence against Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir—the ethnic cleansing of nearly 400,000 Kashmiri Hindus in the 1990s. This enduring tragedy remains grossly underreported by international media and neglected by global human rights forums.

The ideological justification for such acts stems from extremist interpretations of jihad that openly identify non-Muslims as targets. These are not merely security issues—they are *systemic, religiously motivated human rights violations* with clear genocidal intent.

We are also deeply concerned with Australian media referring to Kashmir as a "disputed territory" in the context of this heinous crime. Such framing is misleading, irresponsible, and morally dangerous, as it diverts attention from the targeted religious violence and misleads Australians.

VHP Australia appeals the United Nations to launch an inquiry into the ongoing and persistent persecution of Hindus and other minorities in Kashmir, Pakistan and Bangladesh, and to recognise the ethnic cleansing and displacement of Hindus as a global human rights concern.

VHP Australia calls upon the global community and the Governments to act swiftly and decisively to prevent such atrocities. Words of sympathy are not enough. The global Hindu community—demand *accountability, recognition, and justice*. Selective outrage must end.

The world has been warned repeatedly about the spread of Islamist fundamentalism and its deadly consequences. This is no longer a regional issue—it is a global security and human rights crisis. It must be confronted with moral clarity and united resolve.

We pray for moksha for the departed souls and extend heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, standing in solidarity with all those affected by this brutal act of terror.

VHP Australia remains steadfast in its commitment to advocate for the safety, dignity, and human rights of Hindus and other persecuted communities across the world. We urge all Australians—and all people of conscience—to stand united against terrorism, ideological hatred, and the erasure of indigenous cultural identities.

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