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Subject: Hindu Council of the Netherlands condemns brutal violence against the Hindu community in Bangladesh

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Hindu Council of the Netherlands (HRN) strongly condemns the recent wave of brutal murders and religiously motivated violence against the Hindu community in Bangladesh. Numerous Hindus and their temples have been targeted by these atrocities. The fundamental human rights of these innocent citizens are being systematically and grossly violated.

Reports indicate that during the recent protests, the homes of Hindus and Hindu temples have been deliberately vandalized. This violence is extraordinarily traumatic for the Hindu community, which has been subjected to religious violence in this country for decades. These unsafe living conditions disrupt the lives of the victims and their families, and increase uncertainty and insecurity within the broader Hindu community in Bangladesh.

We urgently call upon the government of Bangladesh to take strong action to ensure the safety of Hindus. Those responsible for these violent acts must be prosecuted. Additionally, we demand that the authorities implement effective measures to prevent such organized inhumane incidents in the future. A climate must be created in which communities interact with each other respectfully.

Furthermore, we appeal to the Dutch government, international organizations, human rights organizations, and governments worldwide to raise their voices against these atrocities. We urge them to guarantee the rights and dignity of the Hindu community in Bangladesh. Global support is needed to stop this violence and these human rights violations in Bangladesh.

We pray for the victims and their loved ones, express our solidarity with the Hindu community in Bangladesh, and emphasize that every human being has the right to peace, justice, and the protection of human rights. Everyone, regardless of religious belief, should be treated equally.

Your sincerely,

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