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## **Ethnic Cleansing of Hindus in Bangladesh**

The Bangladesh Chapter of World Hindu Federation, and Cares-Global, a Human Rights Group in USA, together write with deep anguish regarding the anarchy, minority persecution and violence against women and children in Bangladesh, in the aftermath of the fall of the Sheikh Hasina Government.

We are especially concerned with the persecution of the Hindu Minority in Bangladesh who are a vulnerable population subject to regular ethnic cleansing. Hindus constituted a third of the population in 1947, in the erstwhile East Pakistan. However due to a slow occurring genocide, Hindus now make up less than 8% of the population, suffering systemic discrimination and severe persecution.

WHF and CaresGlobal collaborated in the past when Mr. Dipan Mitra (WHIF), submitted an in-person deposition at the EU Parliament in 2021 in the wake of the Durga Puja Festival violence against Hindus in October 2021.

We are deeply concerned about the gory visuals of Bangladesh's so called student protests, that led to the downfall of the Sheikh Hasina government, which had brought in check organizations like the Jamat E Islami and other violent groups that persecuted the Hindu, Christian and Buddhist minorities.

WHF and CaresGlobal have urged Bangladesh's interim government to seek a resolution at the upcoming UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) session to establish an independent mechanism for investigating recent severe sexual abuses against Hindu women. We have also urged for compensation and support for Hindu families that have been rendered homeless due to the large scale burning of their homes and shops.

We write to you at the EU Parliament to urgently intervene to request regular reporting and Special Rapporteur for ongoing monitoring of Human Rights Abuses against Hindus in Bangladesh. Especially, we urge you to investigate the August 2024 violent crimes recorded in our report with painstaking detail. Shri Dipan Mitra will be in Paris and available to discuss our report in greater detail.

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We have also approached the interim government to collaborate with EU Parliament and OHCHR to set up a domestic inquiry into enforced disappearances, torture, and extrajudicial killings of supporters of Ex-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's administration. We request EU Parliament to ensure international oversight for independence and adherence to international human rights standards to avoid further targeting of Hindu Buddhist and Christian minorities in Bangladesh.

As a human rights organization CaresGlobal has worked with WHF ground staff in Bangladesh to document the crimes against these ethnic and religious minorities. WHF has noted that large scale violence in Bangladesh has specifically targeted people of the Hindu faith, rendering them vulnerable to ethnic cleansing and unprecedented sexual violence against women, that has been recorded in graphic videos sent to us by ground activists.

Here is our detailed report of crimes that were recorded by our volunteers in Bangladesh.

### **REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND ETHNIC CLEANSING IN BANGLADESH**

WHF volunteers have recorded an alarming perpetration of targeted crimes against Hindus that is resulting in ethnic cleansing and a Hindu Genocide in Bangladesh. These crimes are being carried out systematically and with tacit support of law enforcement and even active support from members of the police. Bangladeshi Radical Islamists attacked, murdered Hindu leaders and burnt Hindu houses and destroyed Hindu temples.

Sexual Violence and Atrocities were committed against Hindu women in 53 districts in Bangladesh since exit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on 5 August 2024.

Over 50 Hindus have been murdered in cold blood, Of these 15 Hindus were identified [Haradhan Roy, Councillor of Rangpur, Pradeep Kumar Bhowmick (Communist Leader), Santosh Saha (ASI Police), Kamal Roy(Driver in Rangpur), Sanat Kumar, Pranob Ghosh, Biswajit Sadhu, Ashim Kumar, Utpal Mandal(all 5 men in Satkhira) Moloji Mandal, Rajeshwar Das, Mrinal Kanti Chatterjee, Basudev Das, Sumon Gharami, Santosh Kumar].

Several brutalized rapes of Hindu women have been recorded. From Pirojpur district, we received testimonials from women who were gang raped and brutally tortured by Islamists, 12 Hindu girls were kidnapped and raped as recorded by our team between 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August.

In several districts, more than 61 Hindu temples were vandalized, looted and burnt; more than 295 Hindu houses vandalized, looted and burnt; more than 183 Hindu business shops vandalized, looted and burnt. Hindu Political leaders are running for their lives as Islamic terrorists are hunting them.

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Many Hindu professors and government officials have been forced to resign by the Radical anarchists, thus publicly discriminating against Hindus and Buddhists only for their religion. A web portal called HinduVoice.in has [recorded](#) more detailed incidents from authentic sources.

We have urged the interim government to take steps to reinstate the employees - a basic requirement for a government body to restore faith in democracy as over 2 crore Hindus in Bangladesh live with insecurity and have planned a solidarity march to protest against the ongoing violence.

### **Report on Attacks Against Hindu Communities in Bangladesh**

A series of violent attacks have occurred across various districts of Bangladesh targeting the Hindu minority community. These attacks, which span multiple regions, have resulted in loss of life, destruction of property, and widespread fear among the Hindu population. This report details the incidents across different geographical regions, underscoring the urgent need for intervention to protect the Hindu community in Bangladesh.

#### **Incidents by Region**

**Rangpur:** Two Hindu councilors, Haradhan Roy of the Parshuram Thana Awami League and Kajal Roy, were killed on Sunday. The violent nature of these murders has instilled fear within the local community.

**Sherpur:** In Sherpur, the house of the Sribardi Upazila Youth Unity Council president and three other Hindu homes were attacked, vandalized, and looted. Additionally, a Kali temple and a Durga temple were also vandalized and looted, further escalating tensions in the region.

**Narail:** Local Awami League leader Basudev Das was killed in Bhombag village, Kalia Upazila, on August 7, 2024. His son, Tipul Kumar Das, was seriously injured, and their home and temple were burned down. Furthermore, 8-9 Hindu houses, 10-12 Hindu-owned shops, and two Kali temples in Shuktagram, Kalia Upazila, were vandalized and burned. The widespread violence has forced at least 30 Hindu families to flee their homes and seek refuge along the banks of the Nabaganga River.

**Habiganj:** Hindu police officer Santosh Kumar was brutally murdered inside Baniachang Thana. Additionally, six to seven Hindu homes in Sadar Upazila were vandalized and looted, and a Durga temple was burned down.

**Khulna:** In Khulna, multiple Hindu homes were attacked, and a Hindu man was killed. Among the victims were the houses of Shyamal Kumar Das and Swajan Kumar Das in Highgate village of Rupsa Thana area. Additionally, the homes of prominent Hindu leaders Biman Bihari Amit and Animesh

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Sarkar Rinku were also vandalized. Two Durga temples were attacked, and Hindu police constable Sumon Gharami was beaten to death in Khulna city.

**Feni:** The Bashpara Durga Temple in Feni was looted and burned, and 4-5 Hindu shops were also looted and set on fire.

**Dinajpur:** The Fulthala cremation ground in Dinajpur was forcefully occupied, and five temples, including Kali Mandir in Parbatipur, were vandalized. Seven minority community houses were attacked and looted in Setabganj Bochakganj and Dhalla village of Chirirbandar Thana area.

**Lakshmipur:** The house and office of businessman Deepak Saha, a leader of the Puja Celebration Council, were attacked, vandalized, and looted. Several Hindu homes and a Durga temple were also targeted, leading to extensive damage and fear among the local community.

**Jashore:** In Jessore/Jashore, 10 houses in Dhopaidi Palpara village were burned, and 22 shops owned by Mr. Babul Saha were vandalized and looted. Multiple temples, including the Raksha Kali Temple, were looted and burned. The ongoing violence has caused severe distress among the Hindu population in the district.

**Satkhira:** Six to seven minority-owned shops were looted in Kolaroa, and the homes of prominent Hindu leaders were attacked, looted, and burned. In Tala, the house of Upazila Chairman Sanat Kumar Ghosh was looted and burned. Temples, including a Kali temple and a Hare Krishna temple, were vandalized and looted.

**Meherpur:** The ISKCON temple in Meherpur was attacked, vandalized, and looted. Multiple Hindu homes and shops were also looted and burned. Additionally, two Hindu girls were kidnapped, adding to the growing list of atrocities.

**Habiganj (Shayestaganj Bazaar):** The shop of Asit Baran Das, president of the Upazila Unity Council, and other shops were attacked, vandalized, and looted. Hindu homes in Lohagara, Narail, were also targeted, causing significant distress and damage.

**Bogra:** In Bogra, multiple incidents of violence occurred, with minority shops being attacked and looted. Several Hindu homes were also vandalized, looted, and temples burned down.

**Dhaka:** In Dhaka, the Khilgaon Nandipara Kali Temple was vandalized and looted. Several Hindu houses and shops were attacked, looted, and burned. In Shakhribazar, four temples and 12 Hindu houses were vandalized and looted.

**Patuakhali:** The Radha Govinda Temple in Kuakata was attacked and vandalized. Several minority homes were also targeted, leading to significant destruction and fear among the local population.

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**Manikgonj:** Hindu homes were vandalized and looted in Valuka Upazila, and a Hindu girl was raped, further highlighting the vulnerability of the community.

**Faridpur:** Hindu houses and shops were looted and vandalized in Dengamari and Krishnapur village in Sadar Upazila. Temples in Boyalmari area were also looted and burned.

**Thakurgaon:** Hindu houses in Sonadia, Hatiya, Noakhali, were attacked and looted. Temples in Pirganj were burned, and widespread violence was reported in the area.

**Jhenaidah:** The homes of 10 minority families in Chaklapara municipality were attacked, vandalized, and looted. Shops in Kotchandpur were also targeted, and the Radha Gobinda temple was looted and vandalized.

**Pabna:** Minority homes in Hathuria and Bera Thana were attacked, vandalized, and looted. A Hindu girl was raped, and Kali temples were vandalized and looted.

**Nilphamari:** Hindu homes in Bamunia Union, Domar Upazila, were attacked, vandalized, and looted. Temples in the area were also vandalized and looted.

**Bagerhat:** Hindu houses were vandalized and looted, and a Hindu man was killed in Paikpara village. Temples were looted and burned.

**Shariatpur:** The house of journalist Dulal Saha in the Sadar Upazila was attacked, vandalized, and looted. Temples in the area were also targeted, causing widespread fear.

**Lalmonirhat:** Hindu houses in Panchagram Union of Sadar Upazila were attacked, vandalized, and looted. A Kali temple was burned.

**Mymensingh:** The house of Shyamal Pal and other Hindu homes in Shambhuganj area were attacked. Temples in Haluaghat Thana were also vandalized and looted.

**Netrokona:** The Ramakrishna Mission and ISKCON temple in Sadar Upazila were attacked and vandalized. Hindu homes in the area were also targeted.

**Munshiganaj:** Hindu houses and shops in Sadar were attacked, vandalized, and looted, adding to the growing list of atrocities across the country.

**Pirojpur:** Hindu houses in Barnuripara area were attacked, vandalized, and looted.

**Jhalokathi:** Hindu houses and temples in Jhalokathi were attacked, vandalized, and looted.

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**Chandpur:** Hindu houses in Faridganj Upazila were attacked, and a Hindu temple was vandalized and looted.

**Narayanganj:** Hindu houses in Araihasar area were attacked, and temples and shops in Chachara area were looted and vandalized.

**Chittagong:** M/S Unity LPG Filling Station was vandalized, looted, and set on fire. Hindu houses and temples in Bashkali Upazila and Rawzan Thana were also targeted.

## **Appeal for Action**

Richa Gautam, Executive Director of CaresGlobal and Dipan Mitra, the Secretary General of the World Hindu Federation (WHF) – Bangladesh Chapter, and Primary contact at European Union Chapter, have appealed to world leaders to take strong initiatives to stop the atrocities against minority Hindus in Bangladesh and ensure the safety of their lives and property.

We request EU Parliament to initiate a generous global fund and humanitarian aid to resettle the Hindu population of Bangladesh as many of them suffer from grievous injury and bodily harm, and loss of livelihood.

We request EU Parliament to send a special rapporteur and team to Bangladesh to document the Hindu genocide and crimes against Hindu women.

We request EU Parliament to set up a meeting with our team to allow for a formal deposition to help determine a redressal process for the minorities of Bangladesh who are facing grave danger.

## **Conclusion**

The widespread and systematic nature of attacks against minorities of Bangladesh indicates a severe and ongoing threat especially to the Hindu community in Bangladesh. We request immediate by national and international human rights groups to prevent further violence and ensure the safety and security of the minorities in Bangladesh.

Sincerely,

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