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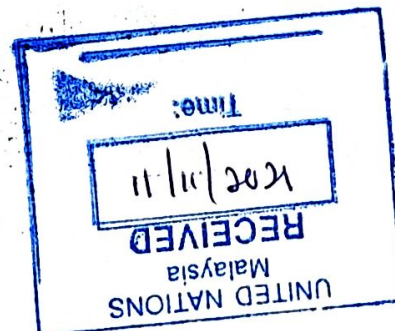
MEMORANDUM OF PROTEST AGAINST BRUTALITY, KILLINGS, VIOLENT ATTACKS TOWARDS THE MINORITIES AND VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BANGLADESH

As referred to the above matter, I enclose herewith the above mentioned Memorandum, which has been handed over and acknowledged by the High Commission of Bangladesh in Malaysia. The contents are self-explanatory for your immediate attention and further perusal. Attached herewith, Annexure A, list of 57 Non-Governmental Organisations and political organisations in Malaysia whom has given their acknowledgement and support, pursuant to the said Memorandum.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

S. Shashi Kumar
(PRESIDENT)



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We, the coalition of various multiracial NGO's in Malaysia express our **UTMOST GRAVE CONCERN** over the recent brutal and violent attacks towards the Hindu minorities in Bangladesh. Hindu temples and deities were destroyed, Hindu villages and places of business were attacked and homes were torched by group of mobs. It was reported that so far hundreds were severely injured and 6 have lost their lives during this attack which started on Wednesday, 13.10.2021 during Durga puja celebrations after an allegation of blasphemy incident involving Quran at a local temple in Cumilla, 100km from Dhaka. The attack went on nationwide in the following days, at various locations of the country as reported by the local and international news, and the situation went out of control.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/2021/10/19/timeline-attacks-on-hindus-since-october-13>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/10/18/bangladesh-hindus-men-killed-temples-vandalised-religious-violence>

It was reported in the latest news by DhakaTribune on 20.10.2021 that after analyzing the video footage of surveillance camera at the puja venue, the police had identified the man behind the incident that sparked nationwide communal violence is Iqbal Hossain who has placed the Holy Ouran at the Durga puja idol in Comilla on 13.10.2021.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/2021/10/20/police-man-who-placed-the-quran-on-a-puja-idol-identified>

Similar incident and sabotage have taken place before, on 29.9.2012 commonly known as Ramu Violence, which refers to a series of brutal destructions and attacks on 12 Buddhist temples and monasteries and 50 houses of Buddhist inhabitants by a group of Jihadist in Cox's Bazar district and later spread to Patiya in Chittagong district. The violence was due to a fake Facebook ID account opened in the name of a Buddhist male. It was later found that the Buddhist people were falsely slandered and the Buddhist were innocent of the accusation.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/2018/09/30/seven-years-of-ramu-attack-no-justice-for-the-victims>

In this year alone (2021), there have been 4 attacks in total since 17.3.2021 and the most recent attack on Hindu minorities by a group of Jihadist took place on 7.8.2021 at Khulna.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/nation/2021/08/08/hindu-homes-shops-and-four-temples-attacked-vandalized-in-khulna>

Therefore, we the coalition of various multiracial NGO's in Malaysia hereby strongly protest and condemn the ongoing violence attacks and killings as this is not an isolated

incident but many previous series of incidents of harassment and human rights violation towards the minorities or non-Muslims have taken place over the years in Bangladesh which is populated by majority of 90% Muslims.

It is clear that the government of Bangladesh has shown lack of commitment in addressing on the seriousness of human rights violations towards the minorities in the nation. It has not only neglected its obligation to ensure human rights for all its nationals but even actively demonstrated its support for religious persecution.

We consider these unlawful attacks and actions as senseless, brutal, inhuman and despicable acts perpetrated against innocent people and resulted in deaths and destructions as well as widespread fear among innocent citizens in Bangladesh.

We express our deep concern for the families of this tragedy and other criminal acts which cause tremendous distress, fear and anxiety. While expressing our outrage and condemnation, we hope to see the victims being appropriately compensated on their loss and damages.

We urge the Bangladesh government to take proactive steps to enforce a strict ruling and legislate an Act of Parliament to protect the non-Muslim minorities in Bangladesh from this genocide and ethnic cleansing.

Coordinator for Peninsula Malaysia, Sabah & Sarawak.

Yours sincerely,



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