

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF INDO-CANADIANS

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Honorable Bill Blair Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6 February 13, 2021

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Freedom of expression is central to Canadian ethos and such protests are part of that fabric. But that is not altogether true now as evidenced by recent unfortunate events. There have been multiple reports of Indo-Canadians, who are critical of the arguments against the laws or remain committed to improving and strengthening relations between the land of their heritage, India, and the land that has adopted them, Canada, being intimidated online, threatened with violence including rape of women of their families, and this has escalated to certain elements even gathering at the residences and offices of individual Canadian citizens. Reports of such instances and incidents have come from the Greater Toronto Area, Metro Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton. Unfortunately, separatist elements seeking to create 'Khalistan' have infiltrated farmer's protest in India and are engaged in the anti-legislation agitations in Canada, and the attacks on Indo-Canadians has taken a sectarian turn.

This is deeply disturbing as Canada's worst incident of terrorism, bombing of Air India flight 182, the Kanishka, also emerged from the Khalistan movement in the country. Even more problematic is how elements supporting separatism are indulging in Hinduphobia and opposing moderate Sikhs under the guise of protesting the Indian laws.

As members of the Indo-Canadian community, we request you to act at the Federal level against this coordinated attack on Canadian Hindus and moderate Sikhs. Early and effective action in this regard by Public Safety Canada and its departments will help defend the secular substance of Canada and reassure Canadians, especially Hindus, who are fearful of their future due to this recent phenomenon.



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We look forward to hearing from you regarding this unfortunate situation.

While thanking you for the efforts, we are,

Sincerely yours,

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Signed on behalf of some Calgary Residents [Binay Jha, Rajesh Chugh, Dr. Bikram Lamba, and Gopal Saini (and two ladies who are scared to be named)] who received the threats to life, property and business damage. They have been harassed via social media, and someone tried to forcefully enter his home.

This is also on behalf of an informal FB Social Learning Group "Hindu Women in Canada".

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