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BHBCUC, USA holds the Bangladesh State and Law-enforcement agencies Accountable for continuing Violence Against Hindu community

Organization demands an independent investigation into the Rangpur killings of four family members of a teacher is particularly upsetting and demands an immediate, transparent, and impartial investigation. and accountability for perpetrators, instigators, enablers, and negligent officials.

The Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, USA (BHBCUC, USA) unequivocally condemns the recent murder of four members of a teacher's family in Rangpur, Bangladesh. This horrifying incident must not be dismissed as an isolated crime. It forms part of a decades-long pattern of murder, intimidation, dispossession, displacement, and denial of justice targeting Hindus and other religious minorities in Bangladesh.

The methods and circumstances may change, but the outcome remains the same: minority citizens are murdered, terrorized, displaced, dispossessed, and denied justice. Although Islamist extremists may directly perpetrate many such attacks, the Bangladesh State and its law-enforcement agencies cannot escape institutional responsibility.

Accountability must also extend to the judiciary. Judicial bias against religious minorities, particularly Hindus, must be identified and addressed. The judiciary's 2021 intervention halting an investigation into the persecution of Hindus remains a matter of serious concern and demonstrates the urgent need to ensure judicial independence, impartiality, and equal access to justice for members of all religious communities.

For more than five decades, successive governments—irrespective of political party—have contributed to this climate through political appeasement, discriminatory practices, selective law enforcement, institutional silence, and a persistent failure to prosecute those responsible for violence against religious minorities.

When authorities repeatedly fail to prevent foreseeable violence, protect threatened communities, conduct credible investigations, and punish offenders, that failure becomes more than negligence. It creates and sustains an environment of encouragement, impunity, and further violence.

The Bangladesh State cannot continue portraying each attack as an isolated act or making a false drama while ignoring the political and institutional conditions that allow such violence to recur. Expressions of sympathy after each incident are no substitute for prevention, prosecution, and accountability.



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BHBCUC, USA is also deeply concerned by unfounded allegations directed against the two young Hindu community members following such incidents. These narratives divert attention from the crimes, undermine the dignity of the victims, prejudice investigations, and may expose an already vulnerable community to further persecution.

BHBCUC, USA Demands:

1. An immediate, independent, transparent, and impartial International investigation into the Rangpur killings;
2. The identification and prosecution of all responsible parties, including perpetrators, organizers, instigators, and any officials who enabled the crime through complicity, negligence, obstruction, or deliberate inaction;
3. An end to politically influenced investigations, victim-blaming, communal scapegoating, and attempts to conceal the extremist or religious dimensions of violence;
4. Effective protection for the victims' relatives, witnesses, and Hindu communities facing threats or intimidation;
5. Public accountability from the responsible law-enforcement agencies and government authorities;
6. Independent monitoring of the investigation by credible national and international human-rights organizations; and
7. Concrete institutional reforms to prevent future attacks and ensure equal protection under the law for all religious minorities.
8. Concrete measures to identify and eliminate judicial bias against religious minorities, particularly Hindus, together with an independent review of the 2021 decision that halted an investigation into the persecution of Hindus.

Every citizen has the right to live with dignity, security, and equal protection, regardless of religion. Protecting religious minorities is not an act of charity—it is a constitutional, legal, and moral obligation of the Bangladesh State.

BHBCUC, USA calls upon the Government of Bangladesh to end this entrenched culture of impunity. Justice requires credible investigations, prosecution of perpetrators and their enablers, institutional accountability, protection of vulnerable communities, and enforceable measures to prevent recurrence.

Bangladesh's religious minorities have waited far too long for equal protection under the law. The State must act now—and it must be held accountable if it fails to do so.