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Madam Sheikh Hasina  
Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh  
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Respected Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Hindu Communities in Belgium we express our shock and consternation at the actions of violent radical Muslims against Hindu Temples, deities, Durga Puja festivals, businesses and individuals since 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This has been happening in Bangladesh for decades now and it seems that these violent extremist persons in the country feel more and more emboldened by the lack of proper protection from the Government that the minorities have in your Country. This institutional unwillingness to protect minorities of the country could be considered “a gross violation of Human Rights”.

Your administration in power and previous Governments of Bangladesh has dramatically failed to give protection and achieve real justice against the perpetrators of these violent acts. All of these acts of violence are very well documented in thousands of reports by very well reputed International Human Rights Organizations, independent news media as well as the Minorities themselves, living in Bangladesh.

We call on your Government to take the necessary realistic steps as indicated below to protect the Hindus and other minorities in your country:

1. Placing permanent police protection in all major Hindu Places of Worship or other Community Centers or minority neighborhoods;
2. Making sure that the perpetrators would get substantial punishment through strict judicial justice;
3. Compensating the families of those who lost their beloved one and the persons physically injured to these atrocious violent acts;



4. Helping the Hindu Communities build back their places of worship and vandalized homestead;
5. Forming a Minority Protection Rapid Action Police Force capable of immediate deployment to the riot vulnerable sites.

This cycle of regular violence and abuse that the minorities face and the lack of protection given to them by the Government must come to an end and Justice imparted to those responsible for this violence.

Hindu organizations and communities all over the world are working together to make sure that the National Governments of the countries they live in will consider this issue seriously and will request your Government to take the necessary steps as mentioned above. Noncompliance with International Human Rights standards, Bangladesh could face political and economic sanctions taken by the International Community.

With regards,



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