



STATEMENT BY THE GBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Devotees,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Many of you are aware of the atrocious attack against our temple and many Hindu temples in Bangladesh that occurred between October 13 and 15.

We offer heartfelt prayers that Lord Nrsimhadeva, the protector of the devotees, may offer his divine protection to the Vaisnava community in Bangladesh, and particularly offer his mercy to the two devotees who were brutally murdered in these attacks, Pranta Chandra das and Jatan Chandra Saha. We also pray for the Lord's loving grace upon Nimai Chandra Das, who remains hospitalized in critical condition.

It is our request to the worldwide community of devotees that we all come together in prayer for the protection of our fellow devotees in Bangladesh. May the all merciful Lord Nrsimhadeva protect them and the temples where they so lovingly offer their worship to the Lord.

The leaders of ISKCON Bangladesh are working closely with the International Communications ministry to organize a response to this attack, calling both for the perpetrators to be sought out and punished for their unspeakable crimes and for increased protection of our devotees and all others at risk in Bangladesh.

ISKCON representatives are uniting with other minority communities, including Christians, Buddhists, and other Hindus, to seek protection for all those who may be in danger. They are also in contact with Muslim leaders who have spoken out against these vicious acts.

We acknowledge with gratitude that the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has strongly admonished these vicious attacks and request that all ISKCON devotees come together in a united voice to do the same.

The ISKCON Communications Ministry has organized a number of opportunities for devotees worldwide to speak out against this travesty, including a request for all temples and communities to organize large scale kirtan events on October 23rd. You can find guidelines for these events below.

Let us all come together in this hour of need, when our fellow devotees have been deprived of their safety, their temple, and even their very lives, and pray with united hearts that they may find the supreme shelter of Lord Nrsimhadeva's mercy and protection.

Thank you very much.

Hare Krishna,

Your servants,

Bhakti Caitanya Swami

Bhanu Swami

Revati Raman Das,

GBC Executive Committee