## Bangladeshi Hindu Community Sydney

November 27, Martin Place, Sydney, Australia

## PROTEST AGAINST ATROCITIES AND VIOLENCE ON MINORITIES IN BANGLADESH

On Sunday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 from 11 am onwards members of Australian Bangladeshi Hindu Community based in Sydney will gather at Martin Place, Sydney to stage a peaceful protest against the recent violence on minorities in Bangladesh.







This protest is to express solidarity with the protesters across rest of the world as well as to demand immediate actions from the Government of Bangladesh.

In excess of 3,307 houses and businesses and 1,104 temples and idols of minority communities were damaged in the country in last four years. The most recent barbaric incidence was orchestrated in Bangladesh on 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2016. Miscreants vandalised and looted at least 10 Hindu temples in Nasirnagar in the district of Brahmanbaria, along with hundreds of houses of the Hindu community. Although it has been reported that it took place over a fake Facebook post yet such hyenas attacks on helpless civilians is violence on human rights. Many people lost everything they had, as the government failed to protect the victims.

The organisers of the protest event in Sydney are expecting over 300 people from the community to participate in this human chain by carrying banners and festoons with key message being "Stop violence against Hindus in Bangladesh."

It is imperative that immediate and decisive action by the Bangladesh Government is necessary to protect the Hindus in Bangladesh. The united voice of protestors demands to:

- 1. Undertake a full, impartial and judiciary investigation of the attacks and make the outcomes of this investigation public;
- 2. Set up a special tribunal to try the perpetrators who committed atrocities and violence against the Hindus over the years;
- 3. Bring to justice all perpetrators of the attacks regardless of their religious, social and political identity;
- 4. Provide appropriate compensation to all victims and rebuild all affected religious places;
- 5. Take effective measures to educate the public about the nasty sides of such attacks and promote mutual tolerance and coexistence of religions, ethnicities and opinions.

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