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# OFFICE OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF OF HINDUISM JAGATGURU MAHASANNIDHANAM, HIS DIVINE HOLINESS BHAGAVAN SRI NITHYANANDA PARAMASHIVAM

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#### A Proclamation

The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam is deeply saddened by the recent terror attacks on Hindus during the Durga Puja celebrations in the cities of Cumilla, Noakhali, Dhaka and the southern town of Begumganj in Bangladesh since 13th October 2021.

The historic and ongoing targetted Hindu genocide in various forms including targeted extermination of Hindu culture and tradition, Hindu phobia, forced conversions, massacres, demolitions, desecration and grabbing of worship temples and monasteries, looting of Hindu temples properties, destruction of Hindu educational instituitions and Hindu libraries, Hindu liberty, mass execution, rape, looting and enslavement continues till date in many parts of the world including Bangladesh. KAILASA's International Human Rights Council documented the atrocities and brutal attacks unleashed on Bangladeshi Hindus who survived years of tyranny. The archived onslaught on Bangladeshi Hindus includes

- In 26 March 1971, Anti-Hindu extremists killed upto 3,000,000 (3 million) Hindus with a genocidal rape of 350,000. Years of ethnic cleansing in Bangladesh shrunk the Hindu population from 22.1% to 8.9% within a span of 50 years.
- In 1971, during the Bangladesh war for independence, militants and Razakars raped between 200,000 and 400,000 Bangladeshi women and girls in a systematic campaign of genocidal rape. The Hindus in Bangladesh have witnessed brutal demolitions, desecration of temples including the Dhakeshwari temple and the sacred Bholanath Giri Ashram that were attacked.

• From 1992 to 1993, around 1,000 temples in Bangladesh were destroyed and looted.

The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam prays to Paramashiva for the atma shanti of lives lost in the orchestrated anti-Hindu violence where more than 80 special shrines set up for Durga Puja were targeted and attacked during the celebrations by a mob of over 500 people gathered from neighbouring districts to vandalize Durga Puja pandals, and disintegrate Hindu deities, reviving disturbing memories of the 1946 Noakhali genocide. Devotees of Hindu organizations were ruthlessly murdered while trying to protect their temples and the statue of ISKCON founder Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami, which was burnt in broad daylight. The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam stands in solidarity and support of the Bangladesh Hindu Unity Council that has bravely voiced the atrocities and brutality against the Hindu community in Bangladesh. Further, The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam sends healing prayers to the 150 Hindus injured during the communal ambush and to the families of the bereaved souls. Radical infiltration of Bangladeshi security forces is one of the many threats Bangladeshi Hindus face. Disturbing accounts of mass rapes go undocumdented and unreported due to internet blackouts in many parts of Bangladesh. The pain of the Hindus of Bangladesh is real, and must be acted upon by the International agencies for religious harmony and peace.

KAILASA, the ancient Hindu enlightened civilizational nation, with de facto spiritual embassies operating across 100 countries with a global presence as the largest spiritual knowledge source on Hinduism, spiritually governed with the life positive, all inclusive, universal policies sourced from Hinduism is revived by The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam. The world needs to firmly and unequivocally denounce all attempts to devalue or minimize these heinous crimes and resolute efforts unanimously towards restoring peace and harmony in areas of conflicts. For the past 27 years, ShriKailasa Uniting Nations Against Persecution and Genocide is building relations, bridging dialogs, inspiring leaders, uniting nations towards acknowledging and fostering dialog for religious freedom and harmony. KAILASA actively guides through various initiatives dispelling myths that religion is to blame for all conflicts, on contrary, these initiatives takes responsibility to educate the role of religion in preventing wars, conflicts, and violence and actively promotes harmony and interfaith dialog.

KAILASA reaffirms that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that the right to freedom of religion is a universal and inalienable which is a fundamental part of the rights of each human being, recognizing that the right to freedom of religion includes the right to choose, share and change one's religion and beliefs, to manifest, either alone or in community with others and in public or private. KAILASA is committed to ensuring that each human being may exercise the right to freedom of religion, and all rights therein, regardless of race, class, colour, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, nationality or other status or distinction.

Having taken the spiritual responsibility of bringing world peace, by reviving the Enlightened Hindu eco systems, KAILASA's Department of Human Services will be offering Maheshwara Puja at the feet of The SPH for the same on 20th October 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as The Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism, the Head of the Ancient Enlightened Hindu Civilizational Nation, KAILASA do hereby proclaim October 18 as a day to show solidarity and support to all communities facing religious extermination and promote religious harmony.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my seal this seventeenth day of October, in the year of two thousand twenty-one and in accordance with the Vedic Calendar, during Śrī Śveta Varāha Kalpe Vaivasvata Manvantare Aṣtävimçatitame Nityayuge Prathame Pāde Plava Nāma Samvatsare Dakṣinayane Sri Lakṣmi Venkateṣhvara Ḥtau Ashwina Māse Shukla Pākṣe Trayodashyam Śubhatithau Ravivasara-yuktāyām Purva Bhadrapada Nakśatra.



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