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ACTION DEMANDED BY THE GLOBAL HINDU COMMUNITY, HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO PROTECT THE INDIGENOUS HINDU PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH FROM ETHNIC CLEANSING

We draw your urgent attention to the grave and continuing human rights violations being inflicted upon members of the indigenous Hindu people and minority in Bangladesh and seek your immediate intervention to protect them. This protection is sought under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) 2007 which establishes minimum global standards for dignity, survival, and well-being.

Disturbing and reliable reports continue to emerge with alarming regularity of murder, intimidation, destruction of property and the systematic persecution faced by Bangladeshi Hindus that have left them feeling helpless, fearful and insecure.

In a particularly grisly incident, on December 18, 2025, Dipu Chandra Das, a Bangladeshi Hindu was brutally killed in public following allegations of blasphemy. The gruesome video footage shared widely, caused profound shock to Hindus and the global community. Carried out by fanatical Islamic fundamentalists, this incident alone indicates a complete breakdown of the rule of law and a serious failure on the part of the Bangladesh government. From the overthrow of Sheikh Hasina's government in August 2024 through November 30, 2025, Bangladesh saw 2,673 attacks on minorities, including indigenous people.

- On February 12, 2025, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), published its report on the unprecedented attacks against Hindus.
- In July 2025, USCIRF published its report ¹on Bangladesh's treatment of Hindus stating: "Attacks against religious minorities in Bangladesh have continued under the interim government. In March, they reported that in the first three months of 2025, a total of 92 incidents took place targeting religious minorities. Reported incidents of intimidation and attacks in Hindu neighborhoods increased."
- In December 2025, a Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities (HRCBM) report² listed dozens of blasphemy-linked attacks on Hindus between June–December 2025, often involving mob violence, arrests, and vandalism.

The worldwide Hindu community is appalled that there has been a failure to recognize the fact that Hindus of Bangladesh have suffered a decades-long pattern of persecution. Since 1947, in former East Pakistan, and after Bangladesh was created in 1971, the Hindu community has faced sustained discrimination, violence, and forced displacement. During the 1971 conflict, Hindus were specifically targeted based on their religious identity. Numerous historical accounts and survivor testimonies document mass killings, sexual violence against women, and the systematic identification and execution of Hindu men. Temples, houses and businesses of Hindus have been attacked, and they live in constant fear, unprotected by the government and at the mercy of Islamic fanatics.

Scholars and human rights observers have meticulously recorded this violence. US historical records show that on March 29, 1971, the U.S. Consul General Archer (Arthur) Blood sent a critical message³ to the US Department of State, warning of the ongoing atrocities against Hindus and urging intervention to protect the defenseless Hindu population. Instead of intervening to stop the mass slaughter, the erstwhile US administration of President Richard

¹ [2025 USCIRF Bangladesh Report](#)

² [Bangladesh saw 71 blasphemy-linked attacks on Hindus in 6 months: Report – Firstpost](#)

³ [126. Telegram 978 From the Consulate General in Dacca to the Department of State](#)

Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger provided secret support for Pakistan in 1971. This allowed shocking atrocities on Bangladesh's Hindu population. Richard Bass's book *The Blood Telegram* reveals this in detail, characterizing the US foreign policy at that time as "morally bankrupt." House Resolution 1430 introduced in the House of Representatives on October 14, 2002, on Recognizing the Bangladeshi Genocide of 1971, stated the "genocide against ethnic Bengalis and Hindus is one of the forgotten genocides of the 20th century and its lack of recognition remains an open wound for millions of people who were directly affected by the atrocities." Dr. Sachi Dastidar's *Bengals' Hindu Holocaust*, Dr. Richard Benkin's *A Quiet Case of Ethnic Cleansing*, Taslima Nasreen's novel *Shame (Lajja)*, Dr. Rinita Muzumdar's book *Unspoken Hindu Genocides and Ethnic Cleansing* all show how the Hindus of Bangladesh have suffered continuously.

In December 2024, several Hindu organizations had submitted a report⁴ to international organizations, the US government, and to the business leaders importing garments from Bangladesh appealing to their conscience and obligations under international conventions and agreements. The Turkish writer, Uzay Bulut has drawn attention to Bangladesh's growing Islamist chaos.

We emphasize that the Hindu population when Bangladesh was created in 1971 has seen a genocidal decline from 22% in 1951, to 7% or less. 230,000 Hindus continue to leave the country every year. i.e., more than 600 a day. This sharp decline is proof of the continuous exodus and ethnic cleansing of Hindus in Bangladesh. Things have only worsened under the current Yunus regime. This steady demographic decline indicates forced migration and sustained persecution. Furthermore, it is not only Hindus but international peace and security that is imperiled by the rise of Islamist forces in Bangladesh.

The global Hindu community should not have to suffer such appalling human rights atrocities inflicted upon Bangladeshi Hindus. In this appeal we urge the following actions immediately:

US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio

- To reorient US foreign policy to take immediate note of the plight of the Hindus and urgently dispatch a fact-finding team and to take appropriate action.
- To ensure that no political parties are banned from taking part in the forthcoming elections in Bangladesh.
- To direct the US Ambassador to Bangladesh to report specifically and periodically on the human rights violations of Bangladesh Hindus and measures taken to protect them.
- To disallow any further participation of Bangladesh troops in UN Peacekeeping.
- To impose punitive tariffs upon the export of Bangladesh apparel to US markets.
- To accord refugee status to Hindus from Bangladesh fleeing persecution.
- To consider the rising tide of Islamism in Bangladesh and its implication for US security.
- To recommend the appointment of a Hindu on the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) to the US President and the Congress following consultations with the undersigned Hindu organizations.

The European Union

- To impose punitive tariffs upon the export of Bangladesh apparel to European markets.
- To take immediate note of the plight of the Hindus and dispatch a fact-finding team and to take appropriate action.

⁴ [Bangladesh Report 2024 Global Hindu Temple Network](#)

The Secretary General, United Nations

- To address and publicly condemn the violations of human rights of Hindus of Bangladesh.

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

- To designate Bangladesh as a Country of Particular Concern.
- Provide a fact sheet of all the human rights violations and their details.

United Nations Human Rights Office

- To constitute a fact-finding team to establish the organizations and individuals responsible for violating Bangladeshi Hindus' human rights.
- To investigate the root causes of violence against Hindus including those stemming from religious doctrines especially the status of non-Muslims as the Kafir (Infidel).

The Government of India

- To set up refugee shelters and open its border to allow for the free entry of Bangladeshi Hindus into India until the situation in Bangladesh improves.
- To explore the full range of diplomatic, economic and other measures to compel the Bangladesh government to protect its Hindu population.
- To set up a website that tracks violations of Bangladeshi Hindus in real time.
- To pause all people-to-people contacts between the countries with the exemption of Bangladeshi Hindus.
- To fast-track Indian citizenship for Bangladeshi Hindus who wish to acquire it.
- To grant Indian citizenship to Taslima Nasreen, given her record as an indefatigable defender of Hindus human rights in Bangladesh and as someone who has drawn attention to the dangers of Islamic fanaticism.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

- To condemn the human right violations of Bangladesh Hindus by Islamist fanatics as the OIC considers itself 'The Collective Voice of the Muslim World.'

We request meaningful and urgent actions to fully protect the lives, dignity, and property of indigenous Hindus of Bangladesh and to ensure that the perpetrators of these human rights violations are fully persecuted by law.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNATORY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS