

## Canadians for Indian Democracy

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The Canadians for Indian Democracy (CID) unequivocally condemn the shocking revelation of Indian agents' involvement in the brutal assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian citizen and respected member of the Sikh community. This heinous act represents an alarming violation of Canadian sovereignty and the safety of our citizens. No Canadian should ever live in fear for exercising their fundamental rights, including freedom of expression and peaceful dissent.

We stand in solidarity with the Sikh community and all Indo-Canadians who may feel unsafe in the aftermath of this tragic event. The safety and security of all Canadians, regardless of their ethnic or religious background, must be a top priority. We trust that Canadian authorities will take all necessary steps to ensure justice is served and to prevent any further acts of violence on our soil.

This incident is an extension of the current Indian government's transnational oppressive policies, which seek to stifle dissent both within and beyond its borders. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP-led government, India is steadily moving away from the democratic values it once upheld. The Modi administration has resorted to authoritarianism and fascism, suppressing the voices of minorities—whether they be Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Dalits, Adivasis, Human Rights Activists, Academics and others—who dare to challenge its fascist policies. The oppression of these communities in India reflects the government's dangerous trajectory, with a growing disregard for human rights and democratic norms.

We urge the Canadian government to work diplomatically yet firmly with India to address this severe breach of trust between nations. While this situation demands accountability, we must avoid further escalation and violence. We call for calm, cooperation, and diplomatic engagement to ensure peace and justice for all affected parties.

Our message is clear: the long-standing values of democracy, freedom, and pluralism must prevail. We implore the Indian government to halt its authoritarian approach and recommit to respecting the rights and voices of all its citizens, both in India and abroad. Only through dialogue, respect for human rights, and a genuine commitment to democracy can lasting peace be restored between Canada and India.

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