



Canadians for Indian Democracy

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The recent escalation of violence near a temple in Brampton and attacks on Gurdwaras are deeply troubling. Canadians for Indian Democracy condemns any acts of violence, especially within sacred places of worship, which should be sanctuaries of peace for all. In a diverse and plural democratic society like ours, peaceful protests and freedom of expression are fundamental rights—but violence must have no place. Our thoughts are especially with Indo-Canadians and Sikhs, whose safety and security must be upheld during these challenging times.

India has witnessed many events in recent years where hate rhetoric, often followed by violence, has been encouraged to polarize communities and consolidate political power. Here in Canada, we are deeply concerned to see videos circulating across social media with dangerous, communal tones inciting hatred. This climate—marked by hostility and online hate targeting Sikhs and their businesses—resembles tactics familiar to the BJP's rule in India. As we witness these tensions, it's imperative to consider the potential influence of foreign interests seeking to divide and destabilize our communities. Canadians should remain vigilant, and we urge Canadian law enforcement agencies to provide enhanced security for Indo-Canadian communities, to conduct in-depth investigations into these incidents, and to closely examine any evidence of external interference.

We appeal to the Indo-Canadian communities to stay cautious of divisive forces and resist any actions that could unintentionally amplify hateful rhetoric. Let us focus on fostering peace and unity, navigating through these difficulties with resilience and solidarity. As Canadians, we can weather this storm and emerge as a collective force for peace, democracy, and mutual respect.

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