IAM FACEBOOK POST AND COMMENTS BEFORE TAKING IT DOWN (without the names of commenters and dozens of replies are not included either)

India Association of Minnesota

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After the heinous and fatal terrorist attack on 26 innocent tourists at Pahalgam, in the Jammu n Karshmir region in India on April 22nd, India launched "Operation Sindoor" for a coordinated operation strategically targeting the nine terror camps in the border region between India and Pakistan in the wee hours of May 07th.

The retaliation from Pakistan now is igniting fears as both nuclear powered nations stand on the brink of a wider conflict.

A war leading from escalating tensions between two countries only leads to loss of innocent lives on both sides and families getting torn apart.

IAM strongly condemns these terror activities on Indian soil, and is deeply saddened by the loss of innocent civilian lives.

We hope and pray for a de-escalation of this situation and return to normalcy soon.

@followers

#iamn2025 #pahalgam #PahalgamTerrorAttack #peace #nowar

Comments

- 1. Wrote the following on IAM Chat group- "I abhor IAM leadership for the above post, and IAM must be condemned for posting anything like this on Facebook. Does IAM have the spine to criticize India, the title it uses in its name, INDIA ASSOCIATION? Extremely shameful for the current leadership. They must apologize and take it down, otherwise face a serious backlash from the community. I also call on various senior leaders in the community to have an open dialogue if IAM now stands with Islamist terrorists or with India, which lost 26 Hindus, plus two, in the cowardly attacks by the terrorists, clearly identifying people by their religion. Operation SINDOOR was initiated to take down the hideouts and training grounds of terrorists and other casualties were avoided.
- 2. Not only shameless but a disgrace to the Indian community. It MUST BE TAKEN DOWN right away and IAM should apologize from the India community. I always tried to go high when IAM went LOW in their lukewarm support against the CAA resolution but this is the height of IAM's writing against India and supporting the terrorist acts by Islamic terrorists.

- 3. You would not have posted this message if it was one of your family members that day in Pahalgam. Not a good post at all! Please remove or change the message. The message should be "Stop terrorism!".
- 4. Shameless IAM. You don't represent me
- 5. Shameless and spineless message by an organization that does not truly represent either India or the people of Indian origin and is not supporting the just cause of India and its people
- 6. Rather than "Stop War", the message should have been "Stop the terrorism once and for all". US has always shown zero tolerance for terror and India has been reeling under terrorism for decades and have lost hundreds of thousands of precious lives.

Should India not try to punish the perpetrators of terrorism? Should I not show zero tolerance towards terrorism?

Pakistan is still engaging in war and killing civilians in India and how can there be de-escalation at this time? You do not represent me or India or people of India.

- 7. De-escalation will not the solve the root cause problem. The eradication of terrorism, terrorist outfits and supporters of those will solve it. To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace. Sometimes you have to pick the war up to put the gun down. War is a terrible thing, but it can be worse when evil goes unchecked. Sometimes you have to go to war to make peace and In order to ensure peace, it is necessary to prepare for war.
- 8. Dr Dash should take a decisive action against the incompetent IAM leadership. Shame on you guys on being Indians.
- 9. I am deeply disappointed by your recent statement regarding the Pahalgam terror attack and India's rightful response through Operation Sindoor.

We stand firmly with Bharat in its fight against terrorism. The safety and sovereignty of our nation are non-negotiable, and India has every right to defend its citizens and borders against such heinous attacks. Terrorism must be confronted with strength and resolve, not diluted by misplaced calls for 'both sides' to de-escalate when one side is clearly the aggressor.

We support peace—but not at the cost of our nation's security.

10. Is this a statement approved by all members of IAM? Why does name India Association of Minnesota? You don't represent India at all. Is this your stand on terrorism happening on soil of India and all over the world for decades. Is this your stand on genocide of Hindus, citizens of India happening in Kashmir, West Bengal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan or in any country in the world?

Do you want to voice vandalism happened in Hindu temples in Minnesota and in other states of US or you want to be silent and have same situation for Hindu temples and people here too. Not having a voice against terrorism, is not normal.

If you really mean it, condemn terrorism!

- 11. This is a very disappointing post from IAM. Bharat didn't ask for a war but constant attacks by terrorists needs to end for once and all. We should all support this stand that India has took to firmly stand against terrorism instead of doing nothing. Jai Hind! Salute to all our soldiers fight for us and our generations on the boarder.
- 12. A shameless and spineless message that fails the very people it claims to represent.

The recent statement by IAM is a disappointing and hollow attempt at moral posturing. It does not represent me, it does not represent India, and it most certainly does not represent the sentiments of millions of Indians and people of Indian origin who demand justice—not platitudes—in the face of terror.

Let's get this straight: India was attacked.

26 innocent lives were slaughtered by terrorists in Pahalgam on April 22nd. And yet, instead of unequivocally backing India's right to defend its people and destroy terror camps, IAM talks about "de-escalation"?

Where was this talk of peace when the attackers were plotting and killing tourists?

How do you de-escalate when your neighbor is sending terrorists across the border and still firing on civilians?

India launched Operation Sindoor not out of aggression, but out of necessity—a sovereign nation has every right to respond with strength when its people are butchered by cross-border terror. For decades, India has bled silently while the world turned a blind eye. No more.

The world, especially organizations based in democratic nations like the U.S., should know better. The U.S. has a zero-tolerance policy for terrorism. Why should India be held to a different standard?

The real message should have been:

"Stop Terrorism Once and For All" — not "Stop War" as if both sides are equally to blame.

IAM has failed to stand for justice, failed to stand for truth, and failed to stand with India. You do not speak for me.

#IndiaAgainstTerror #JusticeForPahalgamVictims #StopTerrorism #StandWithIndia #OperationSindoor #NotInMyName

- 13, What a senseless message!!! Whom are you trying to appease with these posts?? Shame!!
- 14. Once again, IAM showed that you don't truly stand by your country.

Get help from your partner organizations if you don't know what to support on social media.

You are running this organization because of India and you are so scared of supporting India in public. Shame on you.

15. It's upsetting to see this post from IAM. They don't represent India \gtrsim , but knowing they support terrorism is shocking and completely unacceptable!

Jai Hind 🙏

- **16. India Association of Minnesota**, Stop this. You don't understand the pain of terrorism. India never wanted/wants the war , it's the terrorist country who has escalated... so if you have the courage please give the peace message to terroristan!!
- 17. This is a terrible idea to post such a weak response. India did not ask for this attack. India is completely justified in taking steps so that we are never attacked again.

IAM's position is against the position of Indians - all over the world.

18. Shamless, Spineless people who can't stand for right things for own country

Stop Grant money to IAM... iski to 📾

- 19. What kind of message is this? The only message which is applicable here is "stop terrorism". This message completely dilutes the gravity of the situation.
- 20. How dare! Who is this person 💩
- 21. Please do not speak on behalf of Indians in Minnesota, you don't represent us.

22. Shameless.Our country is fighting against terrorism. Who started? Who killed in Pahalgam?

23. #Shutdown # IAM

- 24. Remove "India" from your name .. you do not represent any of the Indians..
- 25. A valid question to all those crying foul over IAM's stance have any of you enlisted to fight alongside brave Indian army and air force and navy yet?

See, you need to get up, out of your comfort zones and into battle grounds to really prove your patriotism for a country that is glorious but like everything else, with its own flaws and missteps.

Please let us not fight amongst ourselves here on social media - we are all citizens of this world and want the same thing! We love India. Warts and all!

And once and for all - I do not support terrorism.

Kill roots of terrorism, not people

26. India Association of Minnesota - Edit or take down the message. We, the representatives of "India" should back our armed forces. Period.

Anyone quoting "an eye for an eye will make the whole world blind," "make peace, not war," while the country is literally in a war imposed upon it, needs to keep their mouth shut and let forces do their job.

This mindless social media preaching might be tolerable in peacetime, not now.

- 27. So proud of the IAM! I wholly support this stance war and revenge are not the answer and not representative of true Hindu values. THANK YOU IAM!!!
- 28. It looks like an NYT article and not a post from an Indian association.

As a member of the larger Indian community would like to know what made IAM took this stance on this very sensitive time.

29. I support IAM leadership! And I abhor all statements made here that are calling IAM stand as weak. IAM leadership has followed its bylaws that states it's a no-partisan, secular organization representing the true values of India and what it means to be Indians

Please do not speak for us all when you blanket critics this organization. It takes courage and honesty and conviction to take a stance that calls for humanity to win.

<u>India Association of Minnesota</u> proud of your statement!

- 30. Wars are sometimes necessary. Our armed forces have been trusted to decide that on our behalf. But there should also not be anything controversial about Indians asking to stop wars being waged on our behalf. Doing so is not the same as saying "this war is wrong" or "this war was unnecessary".
- 31. Very Shameless and Spineless response.

This message is not echoing sentiments of folks of Bharat origin. No Bhartiya ever wants war. We understand what it means to send your loved ones in the war zone.

This is a fight against terrorism.

IAM has been able to get away with this type of behavior because of the generosity of Minnesota Bhartiya's. We've all been noticing their behavior and still have been supporting them. Our Women and Children perform in their events. We pay money to put stalls out there supporting our personal agendas. And they are thriving ofcourse.

Perhaps none of them understand profiling, what it means to see your loved one stripped down and shot in front of your eyes and your child's eyes. How could someone even live with that thought? Terrorists in Pahalgam didn't just kill 26 Hindu Men - they also killed their families by scarring them mentally forever. It's not 26 Men, it's 26 multiplied by many related to them.

#bharat #OperationSindoor #Terrorism #terrorismresponse

- 32. Dear IAM, very disappointed with your post, kindly remove this post. India did not start the War and we are only retaliating-for the brutal killing of common innocent men-attacking terrorist camps with utmost precision. You don't represent me. I hope you understand the gravity of this grave situation and stand with the nation. Hope you take appropriate action. Thank you.
- 33. This is true leadership. Calling a stop to war should never be controversial. Ask the families whose children are in armed forces. Ask those who actually physically put themselves on the line.
- 34. Spineless India Association of Minnesota. Shameless Indian Association in MN wants to support terrorism from pakistan and stop the retaliation from Indian government. India Association of Minnesota should be banned in MN from all of us who

immigrated from India. Message should be STOP TERRORISM. Whole world acknowledges except, Turkey, China and IAM it seems.

35. You are neither a representation of Indians in India nor of Indian community in Minnesota. You should change the name of the organization to whoever's interests you are serving. Why hide behind the deceit? Shame on you and people who are funding your organization •

36. Very disappointing post by IAM •

It should be more like stop @ terrorism by Pakistan on Indian Soil

37. Courtesy of Chat GPT to help formulate this statement: India does not initiate violence—but it will never tolerate terrorism.

The brutal terrorist attack on April 22nd in Pahalgam that killed 26 innocent civilians was not just an assault on human life but a deliberate act of war against peace, sovereignty, and stability in the region. These were not combatants—these were tourists, families, and children, murdered in cold blood by cowards hiding behind ideology and borders.

India's response—Operation Sindoor—was not an act of aggression. It was a calibrated and lawful response to dismantle terror infrastructure that has long been sheltered and emboldened across the border. The responsibility for escalating tensions lies solely with those who enable, finance, and glorify terrorism.

Calls for "de-escalation" must not obscure the truth: there can be no peace without justice. Appearement of terrorism is not diplomacy—it is complicity.

India has shown unparalleled restraint for decades, even as it has buried its innocents time and again. But enough is enough. No sovereign nation can be expected to silently endure repeated bloodshed while perpetrators hide behind international platitudes.

If peace is truly the goal, then the international community must stop drawing false equivalences between a nation defending its people and the terror networks seeking to destroy them. Let us be absolutely clear: India does not want war, but it will never allow terror to go unanswered.

The path to peace begins with accountability—not with silence in the face of slaughter.

38. I have a different point of view. #Bharatam must not de-escalate #OperationSindoor. #Pahalgam #Kashmir terror attack was heinous. Of a person can kill an innocent tourist, they can kill anyone. Such a person deserves to be destroyed along with their support system and infrastructure. I want Bharatiya armed forces to

destroy every single terrorist, their supporters and their infrastructure. Such elements have no place in society. **#ConsciousPlanet #SaveSoil**

39. Who are you trying to appease ?? Please stand by your Nation or simply change your name to PAM !!

Summary of Comments (Using ChatGPT)

Tone: Overwhelmingly critical and outraged.

Key Themes in the Criticism:

- Failure to Condemn Terrorism Clearly: Many commenters were outraged that IAM's message appeared neutral or balanced instead of taking a firm stance against terrorism, especially after the brutal attack in Pahalgam.
- Frustration with "Both Sides" Language: Several criticized IAM for calling for de-escalation when, in their view, only one side (Pakistan-backed terrorism) is the aggressor.
- Perceived Betrayal of Indian and Hindu Sentiment: Many said IAM does not represent them or Indian interests, particularly the Hindu community, and called for the post to be taken down or the organization to apologize.
- Accusations of Weak Leadership: The IAM leadership was labeled spineless, cowardly, and appearing, with calls for resignations or structural reform.
- Calls to Withdraw Support: Some urged defunding, banning, or renaming IAM due to its perceived failure to represent the Indian diaspora's views.
- Supportive Comments (Minority): A few praised IAM for promoting peace and nonviolence, seeing the post as principled and reflective of true Indian/Hindu values.

Cleaned Version of Comments (Names Removed)

- 1. Wrote the following on IAM Chat group "I abhor IAM leadership for the above post... They must apologize and take it down, otherwise face backlash... Does IAM now stand with Islamist terrorists or with India?"
- 2. Not only shameless but a disgrace to the Indian community. IAM must apologize. Their stance on CAA was lukewarm and this is worse.
- 3. You would not have posted this if it was your family in Pahalgam. Post should say "Stop terrorism!"
- 4. Shameless IAM. You don't represent me.

- 5. Shameless and spineless message... Rather than "Stop War", the message should have been "Stop the terrorism once and for all".
- 6. De-escalation won't solve the root cause. Sometimes war is necessary to preserve peace.
- 7. Leadership should be held accountable. Shame on you.
- 8. Disappointed by IAM's statement. India has the right to defend itself. Terrorism must be confronted, not diluted.
- 9. Is this statement approved by all IAM members? Why the name India Association if this is your stance on terrorism and Hindu genocide?
- 10. Very disappointing post. Bharat didn't ask for war, but must end terrorism.
- 11. Shameless message. IAM's statement fails those it claims to represent. India was attacked. Operation Sindoor is justified.
- 12. What a senseless message! Whom are you trying to appease?
- 13. Once again, IAM shows you don't stand by your country. Seek help if you don't know what to post.
- 14. Upsetting to see IAM support terrorism. Unacceptable.
- 15. IAM doesn't understand terrorism. India didn't start this war.
- 16. Terrible idea to post such a weak response. IAM's stance is against Indians globally.
- 17. Shameless, spineless people who can't stand up for their country. Stop funding IAM
- 18. The message completely dilutes the gravity of the situation. "Stop terrorism" is the only valid message.
- 19. Who is this person behind the message?
- 20. Don't speak for Indians in Minnesota—you don't represent us.
- 21. Shameless. India is fighting terrorism. Who started this?
- 22. #Shutdown #IAM
- 23. Remove "India" from your name—you do not represent Indians.
- 24. [Empty placeholder or unclear comment]
- 25. A valid question—have any of you joined the army? Let's not fight among ourselves. I do not support terrorism.
- 26. IAM should edit or take down the message. "Peace" talk isn't appropriate when a war is imposed.
- 27. Proud of IAM for their stance. War is not the answer. Thank you IAM!
- 28. The post feels like an NYT article. Why did IAM take this stance?
- 29. I support IAM leadership. They followed their non-partisan, secular mission. Proud of you.
- 30. Wars are sometimes necessary. But asking to stop war isn't the same as saying it's wrong.

- 31. A shameless and spineless response. This does not echo the sentiments of people from Bharat. It was not just 26 victims—it's the entire families.
- 32. Very disappointed. Kindly remove the post. India is retaliating justifiably. You don't represent me.
- 33. This is true leadership. Asking for peace should not be controversial.
- 34. Spineless IAM. Seems like IAM wants to support Pakistani terrorism. Should be banned. Message should be "Stop Terrorism".
- 35. You are not representing Indian community. Change your name. Shame on you.
- 36. Very disappointing post. It should be about stopping terrorism from Pakistan.
- 37. India does not tolerate terrorism. Operation Sindoor was lawful and necessary. Peace begins with accountability.
- 38. Do not de-escalate. Destroy terrorists and their infrastructure. They have no place in society.
- 39. Who are you trying to appease? Either stand by your nation or change your name.