

LETTERS AGAINST HINDU GENOCIDE IN B'DESH

the open letter, written in December,

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1	The Hindus for America First (HFAF) wrote an open letter to US President-elect Donald Trump, calling for halting US funding of projects in Bangladesh.	• "Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian communities in Bangladesh have faced systemic violence and discrimination. We humbly ask that your administration make US aid contingent on the Bangladeshi government taking measurable action to protect these populations. Taxpayer dollars should never support governments that fail to safeguard their most vulnerable citizens," said HFAF Founder and Chairman Utsav Sanduja. • He further expressed concerns over Bangladeshi officials' ties to radical and extremist groups like Jamaat-e-Islami and Hefazat-e-Islam and said that these connections pose a threat to the security of not just the Asian sub-continent but the US also. • "We respectfully recommend visa restrictions and tighter oversight to prevent these ideologies from taking root on American soil," Sanduja said in his letter. • The Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS), in separate letters to Joe Biden and Donald Trump, expressed grave concerns over escalating violence against religious minorities in Bangladesh and the recent arrest of Hindu spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari. "The minority population, mainly Hindus, which constituted about 20 per cent of East Pakistan's population in 1947, now accounts for less than 8 per cent in Bangladesh, a stark reminder of the ongoing persecution," the FIIDS said in a letter to US President Joe Biden. • Some Indian-American groups also held demonstrations in various US cities against the illegal arrest of ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das.
2	Group of 68 retired judges, bureaucrats urge PM Modi to intervene in arrest of ISKCON priest.	In an open letter to President-elect Donald Trump, Hindus for America First (HFAF) recommended halting US funding for projects in Bangladesh tied to Beijing's ambitions and prioritising initiatives that benefit America and its allies directly.
3	More than 650 eminent personalities, including former judges, bureaucrats, and ambassadors, have written an open letter to the people of Bangladesh, urging	• The signatories, including former Chief Election Commissioner S Y Quraishi, called for an immediate halt to attacks on minorities, their properties, and businesses, as well as any coercion forcing them to leave. They emphasised the need to protect the close and trustful bilateral ties between India and Bangladesh, which are in the long-term interests of both nations. • The letter expressed alarm over the deteriorating situation in Bangladesh, highlighting concerns about mob violence, enforced resignations across key sectors, and attacks on minorities. The chaos, it noted, has particularly

	them to uphold peace and friendship, which has defined India-Bangladesh relations for over five decades.	impacted the 15 million-strong minority communities in Bangladesh, including Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, Shias, and Ahmadiyyas. ● The 685 signatories include: 19 retired judges 34 former ambassadors 300 academicians, including vice chancellors of central universities and directors of IITs and IIMs 139 former bureaucrats, such as ex-UPSC and NCERT chairpersons, police chiefs, and income tax commissioners 192 retired armed forces officers 35 civil society members ● "The police force has still not returned to duty in full force and, despite the army having been given magistracy and police powers, normalcy has yet to return," it said. "This volatile situation poses a humanitarian crisis and risks spilling across borders, disrupting communal harmony and creating serious law and order challenges in Bharat," the letter stated.
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