

## **National Federation of Indian American Associations**

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### **Subject: NFIA Board Resolution Condemning Violence Against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh During the 2024 Coup.**

**\*\*Whereas\*\***, the National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA) has learned with great concern of the recent violence targeted against the Hindu community in Bangladesh during the political unrest and coup in July-August 2024; and

**\*\*Whereas\*\***, this violence has resulted in loss of lives, destruction of property, and widespread fear and displacement among the Hindu population and other minorities in Bangladesh; and

**\*\*Whereas\*\***, the people of Bangladesh, proclaimed independence on the 26th day of March, 1971 and established the independent, sovereign People's Republic of Bangladesh; and

**\*\*Whereas\*\***, the NFIA strongly condemns any and all acts of violence and persecution against religious minorities, recognizing that such acts violate fundamental human rights and the principles of tolerance and coexistence; and

**\*\*Whereas\*\***, the NFIA expresses solidarity with the Hindu community in Bangladesh and calls for the protection of all minority groups in the region; and

**\*\*Whereas\*\***, the NFIA expresses support to those agencies and officials helping with the damage control in Bangladesh, in trying to restore safety of the Hindus and other minorities at the earliest and without any further victimization of the Hindu community in Bangladesh;

**\*\*Now, therefore, be it resolved\*\*** that the Board of Directors of the NFIA, on behalf of the entire organization and its members, vehemently condemns the acts of violence against Hindus in Bangladesh during the recent coup and urges the international community to take immediate action to safeguard the rights and lives of the affected population; and

**\*\*Be it further resolved\*\*** that the NFIA calls on the Government of Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of all its citizens, regardless of their religious affiliation, and to hold accountable those responsible for perpetrating violence against innocent civilians; and

**\*\*Be it finally resolved\*\*** that this resolution be communicated to relevant authorities, international human rights organizations, and NFIA members to raise awareness and foster a collective response to the ongoing crisis.

**\*\*Adopted by the NFIA Board of Directors on August 29\*\***