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**Reference to Hindu Monks mob lynched & murdered in India**

Namaste,

We would like to officially submit this **letter of condemnation** of the mob lynching and murder of the two Hindu monks in the village of Gadchinchle on 16 April 2020.

**Hindus of Greater Houston (HGH)**, and organization that brings together more than 35 Temples & Community organizations in the Greater Houston, Texas area with a population of approximately 125,000 Hindus, unequivocally condemns the recent mob lynching and brutal killings of two Hindu Sadhus and their driver on 16 April 2020, in India. The incident remained largely out of the public glare until videos of the lynching, surfaced on the social media. Hindus across the world watched, in horror and utter disbelief how the two Sadhus Shri Sushil Giri (35) and Shri Kalpavriksha Giri (70) along with their driver Nilesh Telgane (35) were attacked and brutally lynched to death, by an organized mob of over 100 in Palghar (next to Mumbai), Maharashtra, India.

It is, further, very unfortunate and distressful to see how police personnel, present on the spot mercilessly left the three into mob's hand, to be brutally murdered instead of providing protection to the Sadhus and the driver.

We are given to understand that the harmless pious saints, who dedicated their lives to serving humanity, were probably targeted due to their saffron attire as they drove through a village, North of Mumbai. Such escalation of violence and brutality against Hindus, raises serious concerns about the community safety and the role of police & media in such sensitive situations.

We earnestly request Hon'ble Home Minister of India and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, India to look into this matter to prosecute all the perpetrators of this heinous crime in a fast track court, and to judiciously punish all the guilty to fullest extent of the law, and bring justice to the grieving community.

Sincerely,

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