

Desecrating Hindu temples by tolerant religion becoming a global phenomena

Another Hindu temple has been vandalized, this time in Louisville, America.

The crime signatures are very similar to Bhartiye Mandir, Regents Park, Sydney, Australia vandalization event that took place a few months back. There was an outpouring of anger and disgust by Australians including from those sharing the religion of the vandals. Local mayor and council reacted swiftly to help clean up. All major political party leaders condemned the incident helping to heal the wounds and preserve unity and cohesiveness of multicultural Australia. You can read about the [Australian incident by clicking here](#). The Australian Hindu leaders and community did not publicize the perpetrators religious persuasion to avoid affecting harmony among Australians.

The crime in America seems to show the hallmark of same fundamentalist religious extremism as was in the Australian incident.

Hindu Council of Australia condemns the vandalisation of Hindu temples and calls upon other religious leaders and all Australians to condemn this incident.

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Hate Crime: Hindu Temple Vandalised In US's Louisville; "Jesus Is All Mighty", "Jesus Is Lord" Messages Posted On Walls

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In a hate crime, a Hindu temple has been vandalised in the US state of Kentucky by miscreants who sprayed black paint on the deity and left a knife stabbed into a chair in the main hall.

The incident happened between Sunday night and Tuesday morning at the Swaminarayan Temple in the Louisville city.

According to local media report, vandalism resulted in deity image sprayed with black paint, broken windows, walls spray-painted with inappropriate messages and graffiti. A knife was stabbed in the chair, and cabinets were emptied. The incident has sent shock waves through the Indian-American community in Louisville Kentucky.

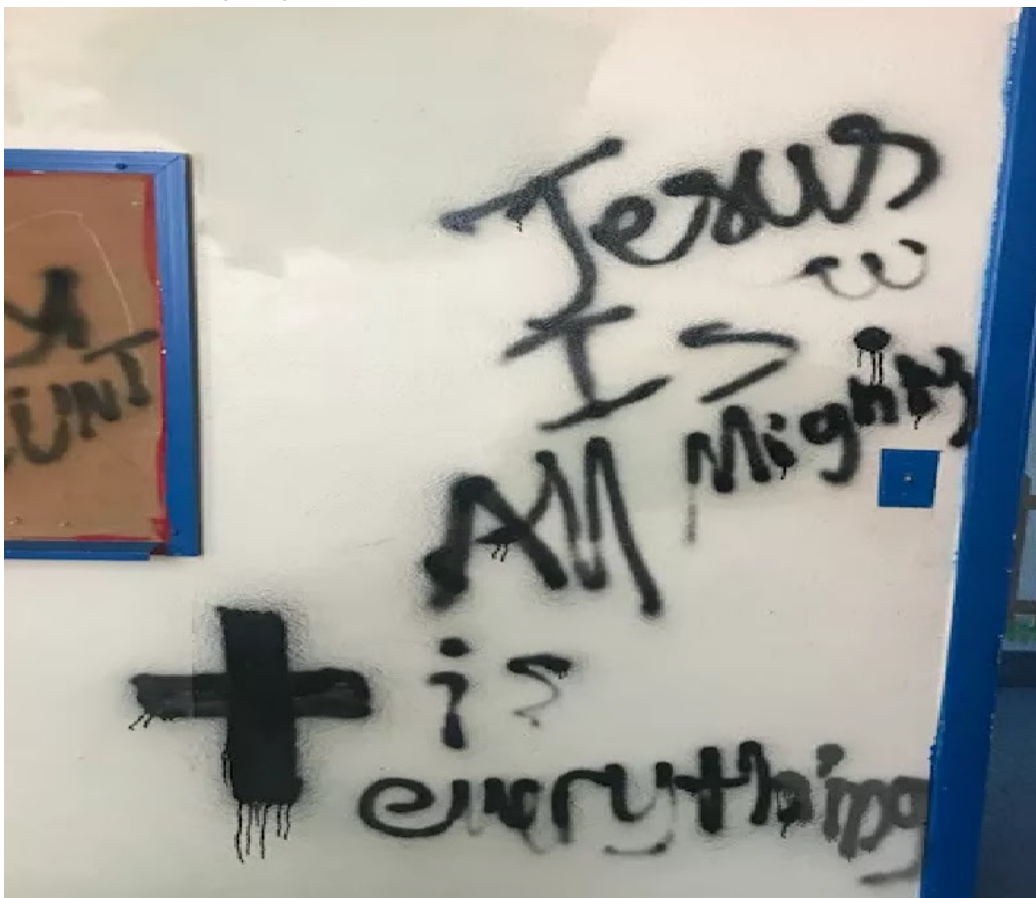
Authorities are investigating the incident as a hate crime. Condemning the incident of vandalism, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer called upon the city residents to stand up against this hatred.

"Anytime we see hatred or bigotry we will stand against it. The cowards who did this have only given our community more fuel and determination to embrace compassion, understanding, and each other," Fischer said as he visited the vandalised temple Wednesday.

"Sometime between the end of services at the Swaminarayan Temple on Bardstown Road on Sunday and the time a repairman arrived on Tuesday morning, vandals broke into a window and vandalised spots throughout the building," he said. The vandalism of this temple, Fischer said is

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another example of the work “we still have to do as a city and a nation to make sure we live to our ideals of equality, of a country where everyone is treated with the respect we all deserve.” Fischer said that the vandals wrote “repugnant messages of hate.” “Regardless of what religion you are, this should not happen,” Raj Patel from the Swaminarayan temple said. “We come here to worship. We should not have to turn our backs to see who is behind us, but we should be happy to come here and worship in peace,” he added.



Describing the desecration as “heartbreaking”, Louisville Metro Police Department Chief Steve Conrad told reporters that the police will provide additional security to the temple.

“What I’m here to do today is to assure everyone that attends this temple that we will do our best to find and hold accountable the person or persons who committed this vandalism and this hate crime,” Conrad said.

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Kentucky State Representative Nima Kulkarni, the first Indian-American elected to the Kentucky General Assembly, said the vandalism was an “act of intimidation designed to weaken our faith and community”. There has been a number of such incidents across the US in previous years. In April 2015, a Hindu temple in north Texas has been vandalised with nasty images spray-painted on its walls.

In February 2015, Hindu temples in Kent and the Seattle Metropolitan area were also vandalised. HinduStan Times



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