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Summary of Hate Incidents Targeting the Hindu Community

We have raised concerns regarding the growing pattern of hate incidents directed at Hindu temples, community spaces, and members of the diaspora. **We have reported several of these incidents to relevant authorities over the past year**, highlighting the need for stronger measures to protect places of worship and ensure community safety.

we have **selected some of the more recent and significant incidents for your attention**. These incidents reflect a deeply concerning trend of vandalism, targeted intimidation, and organised criminal activity disproportionately affecting Hindu temples and families.

Incidents targeting Hindu temples and the community

Date & Location	Incident	Details
July 2025 – Boronia, Melbourne	Hate Graffiti on Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Bhuj	Temple defaced with racist slur “Go Home Brown C**T” and Nazi imagery. Nearby Asian restaurants are also targeted. A hate-motivated intimidation campaign. (HCA)
May 2025 – Florey, Canberra	Burglary at Florey Hindu Temple	Fourth break-in in four months, according to temple president Lakhman Sharma. Burglars forced entry, stole donation boxes, and left the community feeling unsafe. (Canberra Times)
March 2025 – Tarneit, Melbourne	Repeated Attacks on SMVS Swaminarayan Sanstha Temple	Another shocking and unacceptable act of vandalism and robbery marked the eighth attack on this temple, leaving devotees fearful and traumatised. (HCA)
2023–2025 – Melbourne & Brisbane	Pro-Khalistan & Racist Graffiti	BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Mill Park) and Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple (Carrum Downs) defaced with pro-Khalistan and anti-India graffiti. ISKCON Brisbane temple also vandalised in March 2023.
Ongoing (2023–2025) – Melbourne & Sydney	Donation Box Thefts & Break-ins	Multiple temples report frequent thefts, broken hundis, and damage to sacred idols.



Violence, Abuse, Threats & Injustice

Date & Location	Incident	Details
June 2024 – Adelaide	Gaurav Kundi (26) Dies in Custody	Became unresponsive during arrest, later died in hospital. Calls for a transparent investigation continue.
March 2015 – Parramatta, Sydney	Prabha Arun Kumar (41) Fatally Stabbed	Indian IT professional stabbed while walking home. Case remains unsolved after almost a decade.
Ongoing – Across Australia	Harassment & Racist Attacks	Between the above two incidents, numerous verbal abuses, racial slurs, and occasional assaults have been reported. Many cases remain unreported due to fear or lack of trust in outcomes.

Targeted Home Invasions based on cultural identification

Location	Incident	Details
2024–2025 – Western Melbourne Suburbs and many suburbs in Sydney	Culturally Identified Targeting	A rising number of home invasions have been reported in suburbs with large Hindu populations. Houses are being identified based on visible Hindu aesthetics—such as religious symbols, decorative items, and cultural markers. Valuables have been stolen, and in some cases homes have been deliberately vandalised, leaving families traumatised and fearful.
Sydney & Melbourne (heard less in other cities)	Pattern of Burglaries Affecting Hindu Families	Community reports indicate that homes identified as Hindu residences are being selectively targeted, suggesting that perpetrators are deliberately choosing these houses. The repeated nature of these incidents has created significant anxiety, particularly among recent migrants.

We urge your office to consider these incidents with the seriousness they deserve, as they underline the urgent need for dedicated engagement and stronger protection for the Hindu community in Australia.

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