

Urgent Global Appeal Following the Lynching of 16-Year-Old Hindu Student Utsav Mandol in Bangladesh

HRCBM Calls for Independent Investigation and Global Action After 16-Year-Old Hindu Student's Tragic Death in Bangladesh Amid Mob Violence

SAN JOSE, CA, UNITED STATES, September 9, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities (HRCBM) reports that Utsav Mandol, a 16-year-old 11th-grade student from the Shunadanga area of Khulna City, Bangladesh, was tragically lynched by an Islamist mob after accusations of blasphemy over a social media post. Samakal, a local newspaper in Bangladesh, originally published the story but later removed the article. The incident has since been reported by some outlets outside Bangladesh, and several international media sources have covered the lynching and Utsav's death [1] [2][3].



Utsav Mandol, a 16-year-old Hindu student was lynched by Islamist Mob the has sparked global calls for justice and protection for minority communities.

Utsav, a member of the Hindu minority, was reported killed by local newspapers in the presence of police and army personnel, who did not intervene during the attack. This raises significant concerns about the safety of minorities and the accountability of law enforcement in such incidents.

Following the incident, authorities have not provided clear information, and the lack of transparency raises concerns within the community. Reports suggest that conflicting and false statements are being circulated about Utsav's death [4], with fears that his family may be coerced into silence. HRCBM urges the international community to act swiftly, and calls for:

1. A transparent, independent investigation into the lynching, ensuring accountability for the

perpetrators and complicit law enforcement.

2. Increased international pressure on the Bangladeshi government to protect its minority citizens and ensure law enforcement agencies uphold justice.

3. Heightened global awareness of the ongoing violence and persecution faced by religious minorities in Bangladesh, emphasizing the need for reform and protection.

The [lynching of Utsav Mandol](#) underscores the urgent need for justice and the protection of vulnerable communities. HRCBM appeals to the international community to support efforts for accountability and ensure that such acts of violence do not go unpunished.

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