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(G. Devarajan, General secretary of the All India Forward bloc has issued the following statement)

PRESSURE MUST BE INTENSIFIED ON BANGLADESH TO RESTORE PEACE

The rise of religious extremism and the attacks on minorities in Bangladesh are matters of grave concern, not only for the people of Bangladesh but also for the broader South Asian region, including India. The situation requires immediate and decisive action to curb the growing influence of fundamentalist forces that threaten to destabilize the social fabric of the nation. As an organization with deep emotional ties to the people of Bangladesh, particularly due to their shared admiration for Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the All India Forward Bloc (AIFB) strongly advocates for the restoration of peace and communal harmony. The AIFB also calls upon the Government of India to exert diplomatic pressure on the Bangladeshi authorities to take stringent action against these forces that are working to sow division within the country.

Recent reports of attacks on minorities in Bangladesh, particularly the Hindu community, paint a disturbing picture. Instances of violence, forced conversions, destruction of religious properties, and the targeting of innocent individuals based on their faith have raised alarm bells. These developments are not only a direct violation of human rights but also a reflection of the broader global trend of rising religious intolerance. The fundamentalist forces that fuel these attacks are often backed by organized groups with political and financial support, which makes it even more difficult for local authorities to combat them effectively.

The people of Bangladesh deserve a peaceful and secure environment where all citizens, regardless of their religion, can coexist harmoniously. Unfortunately, the rise of extremism poses a direct threat to this ideal, and the government of Bangladesh must act decisively to protect its citizens and prevent the erosion of its secular identity.

It is crucial that the people of Bangladesh and India resist the lure of extremism and the poisonous propaganda spread by fundamentalist forces. Both nations have long histories of coexistence among diverse religious communities, and it is essential to preserve this tradition. The AIFB calls upon citizens of both countries to maintain peace and harmony, standing together in the face of adversity. This unity is the best defense against the forces of division that seek to tear apart the social fabric of our societies.

Religious intolerance is a threat that affects not just the immediate victims of violence but the broader sense of community, peace, and stability that binds us all. The AIFB appeals to the people of Bangladesh to remain steadfast in their commitment to unity and peace and to resist the divisive forces that seek to exploit religious differences for their own gain.

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