

WEST MIDLAND'S HINDU FORUM

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President/Secretary
Durga Bhawan Mandir
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Re: Violent Protest Outside Durga Bhawan Temple in UK's Smethwick.

Dear President, Secretary, other committee members and the Durga Bhawan Mandir community.

We were all very saddened to see the violent attack to your Mandir and community had to endure from the Islamist unruly mob on Tuesday.

Our thought and prayers are with you and your wider community and hope that attack does not leave a too deep a scare for you all to bear.

When I spoke with your Chander Vasit ji on the morning of the incident, I was pleased to hear your committee were meeting with both the West Midlands and Sandwell Police authorities.

Be assured that we will assist you in your endeavours to request the Police to follow up with arresting the culprits and instigators of the attack which will if nothing else help as a deterrent against further similar incidents to your Mandir or any other in the future.

We are mindful that next Monday is the beginning of Navratri followed by Diwali our biggest event in our Hindu calendar. Durga puja (celebrated by Hindu Bengalis) is also starting on Saturday 1st October for 5 days. Obviously now with your incident on Tuesday on top of Leicester's over the weekend, understandably devotees will be nervous. We are discussing this with the police for all our Mandirs and devotees though out the West Midlands. We will of course keep you updated with progress.

Meanwhile, if you haven't already joined FREE Community Security Trust, (CST) Security Advice For Everyone, (SAFE) security training for place of worship, we urge that you do as soon as possible. Or if you require further information, please let us know.

If there is anything else, we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Ashvin Patel

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