

‘Hindu Supremacist Group’ Reportedly Raising Money to Persecute Indian Christians, Demolish Churches

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A Texas-based Hindu charity reportedly held a local fundraiser in Frisco, Texas last month, circulating a flyer that listed “the destruction of illegal Christian churches” as one of its goals.

American Family News (AFN) reports a coalition of Texas Christian and interfaith leaders are now calling for congressional lawmakers to investigate the nonprofit Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF).

The Federation of Indian American Christian Organization in North America (FIACONA) alleges that the GHHF is raising money in the U.S. to destroy churches in India, forcing Christians there to convert to Hinduism.

The Christian Post (CP) obtained a copy of FIACONA’s Dec. 13 letter addressed to U.S. Republican Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R), the Internal Revenue Service and others, in which it alleges GHHF is “one of many Hindu supremacist groups” using the U.S. as an “operating base” to promote violence against Christians in India.

The GHHF was founded in 2006. It advocates an ideology known as Hindutva, or extremist Hindu supremacism, which holds that India belongs solely to Hindus to the exclusion of an estimated 220 million Indian Christians and Muslims, according to the statement.

The letter—which was also co-signed by Church of The Way in Frisco and Concerned Indian American Christians in DFW—accused GHHF and similar groups of “funding and actively promoting” attacks on churches in India, including vandalizing prayer spaces, harassing Sunday worshippers, molesting women and breaking into church buildings, according to the CP.

A reported copy of an invitation to a Nov. 27 event hosted by the GHHF was also revealed by the FIACONA’s news conference on Dec. 13. Besides including the GHHF’s logo and contact information for chairman Dr. Prakasarao Velagapudi, the invitation shows that part of the dinner event’s agenda included “Ghar Vapsi,” which is the forced religious conversion of Indian Christians and Muslims to Hinduism and Sikhism.

“We find it extremely disturbing and dangerous that GHHF would use U.S. soil and Texas land to explicitly advertise their goal to cause such great harm to Indian Christians, who already face enormous persecution daily,” the letter said, according to the Christian Post.

In an email to the Denton Record-Chronicle, Velagapudi said his group “has not raised funds to demolish churches, implied or sent threats to anyone or any other organization.”

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