

UIA Press Release

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On behalf of United Indian Associations (UIA), our deep sympathies to BAPS devotees and volunteers following the disgraceful and cowardly attack on the Rosehill temple on Friday 5th of May, 2023. UIA strongly condemns this heinous act by extremist anti-social elements.

This abhorrent act on a place of worship is also an attack on the harmonious and tolerant multicultural society of NSW and Australia where all religions and cultures, irrespective of origin, are respected. It is a matter of great concern that this act follows previous attacks on temples and places of worship in other states by the same alleged anti-social elements. Such acts are un-Australian.

We exhort Federal and State leaders and the relevant authorities to do everything possible to bring the miscreants to justice and undertake preventive measures for the future. The seeds of such a cancer should not be allowed to take root in Australia.

BAPS and its devotees are a peace loving and hardworking community who have been working for the betterment of society through their various philanthropic works to serve all humanity. Their inspirational service is widely admired. We support BAPS in facing and overcoming the challenges of such despicable acts by these extremists. It is noteworthy that in spite of the distress caused to them by this shameful act, BAPS and their volunteers have called for peace. Indeed, this admirable message from them will help to encourage the tolerant and multicultural unity of NSW and Australia.

Our best wishes to BAPS for continuing their good works in the service of the people of NSW and Australia.