

**PRESS RELEASES AND MEDIA STATEMENTS OF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

India lodges strong protest with Canada

The High Commissioner of Canada was summoned yesterday to convey our strong concern about the actions of separatist and extremist elements against our diplomatic Mission and Consulates in Canada this week.

The Government of India sought an explanation on how such elements were allowed, in the presence of police, to breach the security of our diplomatic Mission and Consulates.

The Government of Canada was reminded of its obligations under the Vienna Convention, and asked to arrest and prosecute the individuals who have already been identified as being involved in such acts.

It is expected that the Canadian Government will take all steps which are required to ensure the safety of our diplomats and security of our diplomatic premises so that they are able to fulfil their normal diplomatic functions.

NewDelhi
March 26, 2023

Press Release Link: <https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/36418>
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India rejects allegations by Canada

We have seen and reject the statement of the Canadian Prime Minister in their Parliament, as also the statement by their Foreign Minister.

Allegations of Government of India's involvement in any act of violence in Canada are absurd and motivated.

Similar allegations were made by the Canadian Prime Minister to our Prime Minister, and were completely rejected.

We are a democratic polity with a strong commitment to rule of law.

Such unsubstantiated allegations seek to shift the focus from Khalistani terrorists and extremists, who have been provided shelter in Canada and continue to threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The inaction of the Canadian Government on this matter has been a long-standing and continuing concern.

That Canadian political figures have openly expressed sympathy for such elements remains a matter of deep concern.

The space given in Canada to a range of illegal activities including murders, human trafficking and organised crime is not new.

We reject any attempts to connect Government of India to such developments.

We urge the Government of Canada to take prompt and effective legal action against all anti-India elements operating from their soil.

New Delhi

September 19, 2023

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Parity in Canadian diplomatic presence in India

We have seen the Statement by the Government of Canada on October 19 regarding Canadian diplomatic presence in India.

The state of our bilateral relations, the much higher number of Canadian diplomats in India, and their continued interference in our internal affairs warrant a parity in mutual diplomatic presence in New Delhi and Ottawa.

We have been engaged with the Canadian side on this over the last month in order to work out the details and modalities of its implementation.

Our actions in implementing this parity are fully consistent with Article 11.1 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which states the following:

"In the absence of specific agreement as to the size of the mission, the receiving State may require that the size of a mission be kept within limits considered by it to be reasonable and normal, having regard to circumstances and conditions in the receiving State and to the needs of the particular mission."

We reject any attempt to portray the implementation of parity as a violation of international norms.

New Delhi

October 20, 2023

Press Release Link: https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/37201/Parity_in_Canadian_diplomatic_presence_in_India

India strongly protests 'Khalistan' slogans at a public event attended by Canadian leaders

The Canadian Deputy High Commissioner was today summoned to the Ministry of External Affairs with regard to the raising of separatist slogans on 'Khalistan' at an event which was being personally addressed by the Prime Minister of Canada.

The Government of India's deep concern and strong protest was conveyed at such disturbing actions being allowed to continue unchecked at the event. This illustrates once again the political space that has been given in Canada to separatism, extremism and violence. Their continued expressions not only impact India-Canada relations but also encourage a climate of violence and criminality in Canada to the detriment of its own citizens.

New Delhi
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Press Release Link: https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/37789/India_strongly_protests_Khalistan_slogans_at_a_public_event_attended_by_Canadian_leaders

India's response to diplomatic communication from Canada

We have received a diplomatic communication from Canada yesterday suggesting that the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats are 'persons of interest' in a matter related to an investigation in that country. The Government of India strongly rejects these preposterous imputations and ascribes them to the political agenda of the [REDACTED] Government that is centered around vote bank politics.

Since Prime Minister [REDACTED] made certain allegations in September 2023, the Canadian Government has not shared a shred of evidence with the Government of India, despite many requests from our side. This latest step follows interactions that have again witnessed assertions without any facts. This leaves little doubt that on the pretext of an investigation, there is a deliberate strategy of smearing India for political gains.

Prime Minister [REDACTED] hostility to India has long been in evidence. In 2018, his visit to India, which was aimed at currying favour with a vote bank, rebounded to his discomfort. His Cabinet has included individuals who have openly associated with an extremist and separatist agenda regarding India. His naked interference in Indian internal politics in December 2020 showed how far he was willing to go in this regard. That his Government was dependent on a political party, whose leader

openly espouses a separatist ideology vis-à-vis India, only aggravated matters. Under criticism for turning a blind eye to foreign interference in Canadian politics, his Government has deliberately brought in India in an attempt to mitigate the damage. This latest development targeting Indian diplomats is now the next step in that direction. It is no coincidence that it takes place as Prime Minister [REDACTED] is to depose before a Commission on foreign interference. It also serves the anti-India separatist agenda that the [REDACTED] Government has constantly pandered to for narrow political gains.

To that end, the [REDACTED] Government has consciously provided space to violent extremists and terrorists to harass, threaten and intimidate Indian diplomats and community leaders in Canada. This has included death threats to them and to Indian leaders. All these activities have been justified in the name of freedom of speech. Some individuals who have entered Canada illegally have been fast-tracked for citizenship. Multiple extradition requests from the Government of India in respect of terrorists and organized crime leaders living in Canada have been disregarded.

High Commissioner [REDACTED] is India's senior most serving diplomat with a distinguished career spanning 36 years. He has been Ambassador in Japan and Sudan, while also serving in Italy, Turkiye, Vietnam and China. The aspersions cast on him by the Government of Canada are ludicrous and deserve to be treated with contempt.

The Government of India has taken cognizance of the activities of the Canadian High Commission in India that serve the political agenda of the current regime. This led to the implementation of the principle of reciprocity in regard to diplomatic representation. India now reserves the right to take further steps in response to these latest efforts of the Canadian Government to concoct allegations against Indian diplomats.

NewDelhi
October 14, 2024

Press Release Link: https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/38417/Indias_response_to_diplomatic_communication_from_Canada

Canadian Charge d'Affaires summoned by MEA

The Canadian Charge d'Affaires was summoned by Secretary (East) this evening. He was informed that the baseless targeting of the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats and officials in Canada was completely unacceptable.

It was underlined that in an atmosphere of extremism and violence, the Trudeau Government's actions endangered their safety. We have no faith in the current Canadian Government's commitment to ensure their security. Therefore, the Government of India has decided to withdraw the High Commissioner and other targeted diplomats and officials.

It was also conveyed that India reserves the right to take further steps in response to the [REDACTED] Government's support for extremism, violence and separatism against India.

New Delhi

October 14, 2024

Press Release Link: https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/38418/Canadian_Charge_dAffaires_summoned_by_MEA

MEDIA QUERIES:

In response to media queries regarding PM of Canada's deposition at the Commission of Inquiry, the Official Spokesperson, [REDACTED] said:

"What we have heard today only confirms what we have been saying consistently all along - Canada has presented us no evidence whatsoever in support of the serious allegations that it has chosen to level against India and Indian diplomats. The responsibility for the damage that this cavalier behaviour has caused to India-Canada relations lies with Prime Minister Trudeau alone."

New Delhi

October 17, 2024

Media Response Link: https://www.mea.gov.in/response-to-queries.htm?dtl/38429/Official_Spokespersons_response_to_media_queries_regarding_PM_of_Canadas_deposition_at_the_Commission_of_Inquiry

In response to media queries regarding violence in Brampton, Canada, the Official Spokesperson, [REDACTED] said:

- We condemn the acts of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, Ontario yesterday.
- We call on the Government of Canada to ensure that all places of worship are protected from such attacks. We also expect that those indulging in violence will be prosecuted. We remain deeply concerned about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada.

- The outreach of our Consular officers to provide services to Indians and Canadian citizens alike will not be deterred by intimidation, harassment and violence.

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November 04, 2024

Media Response Link: https://www.mea.gov.in/response-to-queries.htm?dtl/38490/Official_Spokespersons_response_to_media_queries_regarding_violence_in_Brampton_Canada

In response to media queries regarding the arrest of a designated terrorist in Canada, the Official Spokesperson, ██████████ said:

- We have seen media reports circulating since 10 November on the arrest in Canada of proclaimed offender ██████████, the de-facto ██████████ of the ██████████. Canadian print and visual media have widely reported on the arrest. We understand that the Ontario Court has listed the case for hearing
- ██████████ is a proclaimed offender in over 50 cases of murder, attempt to murder, extortion and terrorist acts including terror financing. In May 2022, a Red Corner Notice was issued against him. He was designated in India as an individual terrorist in 2023. In July 2023, Government of India had requested the Canadian government for his provisional arrest. This was declined. Additional information was provided in this case.
- A separate request was also sent to Canada under the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) to verify ██████████'s suspected residential address, his financial transactions to India, moveable/immovable properties, details of mobile numbers etc. - all of which were provided to Canadian authorities in January 2023. In December 2023, the Department of Justice of Canada sought additional information on the case. A reply to these queries was sent in March this year.
- In view of the recent arrest, our agencies will be following up on an extradition request. Given ██████████'s criminal record in India and his involvement in similar illegal activities in Canada, it is expected that he will be extradited or deported to face justice in India.

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November 14, 2024

Media *Response* *Link:* [Redacted]
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