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### Pahalgam Massacre: A Call for Decisive Action Against Islamist Extremism

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) strongly condemns the horrific terrorist attack that took place in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday. This brutal incident calls for decisive action against Islamist terrorists, their sponsors in Pakistan, and the sleeper cells operating in the Kashmir Valley. The time has come to completely eliminate Islamist extremism and terrorism—wherever it dares to raise its head again.

According to reports, the innocent tourists in Pahalgam were first stripped of their belongings, had their identity cards checked to confirm their Hindu identity, and were then ordered to recite the Islamic Kalma. When it became clear that they were not Muslims, they were mercilessly slaughtered. This heinous act has shocked and outraged the entire nation. It is a chilling reminder of the dark days of terrorism in the 1990s, which now seem to be re-emerging.

The continued presence of terrorist sleeper cells in the Kashmir Valley, ready to strike at the behest of Pakistan, is an alarming reality. This recent attack also follows inflammatory statements made by a Member of Parliament from Jammu and Kashmir, who labelled tourists in Kashmir as “encroachers”, and Pakistan’s Army Chief, who openly declared that reclaiming Kashmir is their sole agenda. It is no coincidence that this terrorist act followed those remarks. We must acknowledge the ecosystem that enables such violence.

The VHP believes this is not merely an isolated terror attack; it is, in effect, Pakistan’s open declaration of war against Bharat. The Government of Bharat must respond with equal resolve and strength, ensuring that terrorism never returns to our land—and that no Pakistani leader or general dares to utter such threatening words again.

While some persist in claiming that terrorism has no religion, this barbaric act makes it abundantly clear that these terrorists act in the name of a radical Islamist ideology.

The nation is seething with anger—and justifiably so. Immediate and effective action must be taken, or this public outrage may intensify further.

The voice of the nation must be heard—and justice must be delivered.