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**MPACUK DEMANDS RISHI SUNAK DISAVOWS HINDUTVA FASCISM.**

*Rishi Sunak has not been in power for two weeks and already the Muslim community is under threat.*

LONDON, UK; 4th November 2022 - Muslim Public Affairs Committee UK has been targeted by two major Indian news stations, ZeeTV and AajTak, who deliberately misframed criticism of the UK's latest Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, as a religious attack.

This is following on from months of online abuse, targeted at analysis that is critical of Sunak's hardline stances on immigration, support of the draconian "Nationality & Borders Bill" and "Public Order Bill", refocusing the widely discredited Islamophobic PREVENT strategy on Muslims, and the anti-BDS bill. The most vocal contingent of the unelected Prime Minister's supporter base are Hindutva, a Hindu supremacist movement in India which inspired the Nazis and installed the far-right BJP in power across India; and an ideology which has spread into the UK, from Westminster to the streets of Leicester.

Both ZeeTV and AajTak have strong connections with the BJP in India. On top of that, Sunak's father-in-law, Narayana Murthy, has stakes in Kovai Media, another BJP-affiliated media mouthpiece. Pro-BJP media outlets stand to gain much by increasing their foothold in the UK market: this does not bode well for any other critics of the Prime Minister.

So long as Sunak remains uncritical of the most bigoted wing of his base, Hindutva's supporters will grow in boldness and continuously seek to silence any dissent against him.

MPACUK's spokesperson, Ahammed Husain, said "This means that MPACUK is right now on the firing line of a new front against fascism. Every civil organisation that has any reason to criticise the political leadership of the UK could become its next target."

He continued, "Sunak must disavow the Hindutva extremist ideology and its proponents, who are in the process of destroying cohesive society in India and clearly intend to do so here in the UK. His ascension to Prime Minister was only supported by fewer than 200 MPs in the latest leadership contest, so this is yet another reason we need a general election now."

Factual summary:

- ZeeTV and AajTak both produced inaccurate news items on 2nd November 2022 that misrepresented MPACUK's analysis of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's leadership.
- Both ZeeTV and AajTak news items inaccurately inferred that MPACUK criticises Prime Minister Rishi Sunak due to his Hindu faith.
- MPACUK criticises Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's ties with lobbies that have been thoroughly exposed for undermining democracy in the UK and abroad, namely the Zionist and Hindutva lobbies.

**About Muslim Public Affairs Committee (MPACUK)**

The Muslim Public Affairs Committee UK (MPACUK), is a grass roots civil liberties pressure group, setup in 2001 to encourage civil engagement within the Muslim community at all levels in the UK.

Our main objective is to pro-actively campaign against Islamophobia wherever it exists in the UK and educate and create tools for Muslim communities to become organised to do the same.

MPACUK is a not for profit organisation, fully dependent on donations from the public and is run largely by volunteers.

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Notes to editors:

Hindutva is “(in [India](#)) a political movement [advocating Hindu nationalism](#) and the [establishment](#) of a Hindu state”. This is at the expense of non-Hindus.

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/hindutva>

GenocideWatch concludes that India is currently at the fifth stage of genocide against its own citizens: <https://www.genocidewatch.com/india>

Hindutva ideology is the cause of the inter-communal tension that led to the Leicester riots in September 2022:

<https://www.islam21c.com/news-views/hindutva-extremists-attack-local-muslims-in-leicester/>

Rishi Sunak’s father in law has invested in Hindutva-aligned media outlet Kovai Media:

<https://www.islam21c.com/politics/the-case-for-bds-against-the-bjp/>

Rishi Sunak’s pledged to refocus the academically debunked PREVENT duty on “Islamist extremists”, completely discounting any threat from Hindutva:

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/aug/02/former-counter-terrorism-police-chief-attacks-rishi-sunaks-prevent-plans>

Rishi Sunak’s voting record on citizenship, asylum and surveillance shows he is in favour of policies that are similar to India’s BJP:

[https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mp/25428/rishi\\_sunak/richmond\\_%28yorks%29/votes](https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mp/25428/rishi_sunak/richmond_%28yorks%29/votes)