

The 1st Commemoration of the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, March 15, 2023.
It aims to promote unity, tolerance, and solidarity with all humanity.

Islamophobia Scorecard™

Grade: 0/9

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Thankless and Unappreciative Hindu Radical Name: GP Hinduja & Brothers Associated Corporate Brand: Hinduja Group

Combating Islamophobia Status¹

Grade

Did the named individual and his/her organization attend the most recent International Day to Combat Islamophobia as designated by the United Nations?	NO
Was the named organization or individual invited to commemorate the most recent International Day to Combat Islamophobia	NO
What was the response of the named organization or individual to the invitation to commemorate the International Day to Combat Islamophobia?	Not-Invited

Muslim Community Engagement²

Grade 0

Have business interests in Muslim countries and communities.	YES
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Promotes Tolerance & Unity³

Grade 0

Promote unity, tolerance, cultural harmony, and solidarity with all humanity.	NO
Participates, funds, and supports organizations promoting inter-community harmony.	NO

Sponsors Divisive Political Activities⁴

Grade 0

Sponsors divisive political activities that put Muslims at a disadvantage	YES
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Philanthropy⁵

Grade 0

Show preference or bias in philanthropy work?	YES
Engages in any act of philanthropy that benefits the Muslim communities.	NO

Anti-Muslim Prejudice & Hate⁶

Grade 0

Condoned, aided, or acquiesced hate messages against Muslims and Islam?	YES
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Acts of Discrimination against Muslims⁷

Grade 0

Show a pattern of anti-Muslim bias, discrimination, and exclusion of Muslims, including discrimination in employment and education.	YES
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Corporate Social Responsibility⁸

Grade 0

Fulfilling the expectations and the spirit of corporate social responsibility	NO
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Professional and Humanitarian Organization Affiliations⁹

Grade 0

Affiliations positively impact the mission to promote an inclusive world	NO
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Extraordinary Conducts, Characteristics, and Attributes¹⁰

Grade 0

Any attributes contributing to a world free from hate, prejudice, and discrimination?	NO
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Combating Islamophobia Status¹:

At the initiative of the organization of Islamic countries, the OIC, on March 15, 2022, the United Nations designated March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. The UN resolution invites, among others, the private sector to combat Islamophobia with the aim of promoting unity, tolerance, and solidarity with all humanity.

*The UN resolution invites participants to combat Islamophobia by organizing or supporting **high-visibility events** to increase awareness about Islamophobia. The Islamophobia scorecard records private sector responses and intention (or not) to participate in combating Islamophobia.*

Those who choose to be absent from the high-visibility events to combat Islamophobia will set themselves apart from those standing up to combat Islamophobia and arguably identify themselves against us.

Muslim Community Engagement²

Businesses making millions within the Muslim community have an obligation to combat Islamophobia and prove that they are not engaged in anti-Muslim prejudice, hate, and discrimination.

The Hinduja's may be devout [Hindus but they have prospered primarily in the Muslim world](#). The brothers were wealthy because of their deals during the Shah's regime. However, their elevation to the super-rich was based on oil trading. In 1984, the Hinduja's, in partnership with former Saudi oil ministers Sheik Yamani and Dr Taher, bought a large slice of the Gulf Oil company (mainly the Asian operations). However, their relationship with the Saudi investors soured. The brothers bought them out and created the Gotco supply and trading operation, which later controlled the Gulf brand worldwide, except for Iberia and North America. Its holding company is Gotco Trading Ltd, which is registered in Bermuda. So, the dictatorial regimes in Saudi Arabia and Iran under the Shah have been ultimately, the background to the way in which the Hinduja's have [amassed their billions](#).

Hinduja brothers has the many subsidiaries registered in Arab countries like [Gulf Oil Middle East Ltd](#) (GOMEL), [Hinduja bank](#) and have an ambitious plan to invest in [Dubai](#) and have invested previously in [Saudi Arabia](#) and [UAE](#).

SP Hinduja himself admits the respect they have achieved in the Muslim world. He said that even in the [Islamic world we are respected](#) despite our name Hinduja, which can be misleading. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, the UAE Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, attended a [condolence gathering in Dubai for SP Hinduja](#), along with more than 400 distinguished guests.

Promotes Tolerance & Unity³

Combat Islamophobia aims to promote unity, tolerance, and solidarity with all humanity. It aims to make this world a better place for all humanity to live harmoniously.

A search of publicly available records does not establish that Hinduja's funded or associated himself with any activity that could be characterized as promoting tolerance and unity.

Sponsors Divisive Political Activities⁴

Hinduja's maintain a strong association with the Bharatiya Janata Party (a radical Hindu

nationalist party) and with Prime Minister Modi who is largely accused of the biased behavior against minorities specifically Muslim. The Hinduja brothers [expressed their support](#) for Prime Minister Modi, stating that he should secure [a majority in the elections](#). They also praised him as the [best Prime Minister globally](#) and credited him with transforming India. Previously, the Polit Bureau of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) had released a statement [alleging a nexus](#) between then BJP Prime Minister Vajpayee administration and the Hinduja.

Jack Straw, the British foreign secretary at the time of the violence (2001), said that Modi had "played a pretty active part in pulling back the police and in tacitly encouraging the Hindu extremists." [See the documentary](#). United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), 2023 Annual Report: The Indian government (led by Modi) at the national, state, and local levels promoted and enforced religiously discriminatory policies, including laws targeting religious conversion, interfaith relationships, the wearing of hijabs, and cow slaughter, which negatively impact Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits, and Adivasis (indigenous peoples and scheduled tribes) who is accused mainly for the biased behavior against minorities specifically Muslim. [Read more](#). Amnesty International, India 2022: India has seriously regressed under the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. [Read more](#).

Philanthropy⁵

Philanthropy is yet another way to establish prejudice and discrimination. When private sector individuals make a fortune amongst the Muslim community, do they reciprocate in kind and extend their philanthropy and gratitude to those whose favor and business they have received?

Publicly available data does not indicate that Hinduja have contributed any specific donation for the welfare of Muslim or to promote the tolerance and harmony among the religious groups. However, over many years the [Hinduja Foundation](#) continues to support the work of a number of Hindu temples and organizations including the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Temple and the Hare Krishna ISKCON temples in London.

Most recently, the Foundation has committed to ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor and their new Haveli construction project. The Haveli is the house that will forever sing out the glories and teachings of Shree Krishna, passing culture, traditions and the life of bhakti to each new generation.

Significantly the Foundation donated to the Shri Venkateswara Balaji Temple in Birmingham which also received Millennium Commission funding at the time of the new Millennium. GP Hinduja had been a trustee of the temple for many years and SP Hinduja is a patron. The temple works for the Asian community in Birmingham and also builds contacts with other faiths – in November 2008 the temple hosted an official visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The [Hinduja Foundation in the UK](#) had managed the Hinduja Cambridge Trust scholarship scheme for Asian students studying at the University of Cambridge, established Dharam Hinduja Indic Research Centre at Cambridge University's Faculty of Divinity. Both programs are now closed.

Anti-Muslim Prejudice & Hate^{6*}

Like the Ambani-Adani, Hinduja group is also known close to the BJP and PM Modi. They are invited in the [swearing-in ceremony](#) of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Gopichand Hinduja, present chairman of Hinduja group, write an [article](#) in praise of Narendra Modi on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Under Arts and culture head, the [Hinduja Foundation](#) UK and USA sponsored the publication of the first Encyclopedia of Hinduism which was launched by the Dalai Lama. The Foundation donated to the International Society of Krishna Consciousness Temple in Hertfordshire, the Swami Narayan Temple in Northwest London and the Venkateswara Balaji temple outside Birmingham. Also sponsored the Mahabharata, Peter Brook's renowned theatrical production on the famous Indian epic by the same name. However, such generosity is not found for the Muslim culture.

[Hinduja Heritage](#) also preserve most of antiques and rare books from the Hinduism and Buddhism.

Acts of Discrimination against Muslims⁷

Islamophobia is not just about overt hate and violence against the Muslim community, it is manifested in discrimination in employment, education, health and social services, housing, trade, commerce, as well as in philanthropy.

According to the publicly available data, no independent Muslim was found in the board of directors and management team of [Hinduja Global](#) Solutions and [Gulf Oil Lubricants](#). Likewise, no Muslim is found in the [board of trustee](#) for Hinduja Foundation, almost all trustees are family member.

Based on an analysis of [3 schools operated by the Hinduja](#)s in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, it has been observed that the enrollment ratio of Muslim students was a mere 3.41 percent out of total around six thousand enrolments ((Source: Compiled from various documents published by Ministry of Education, under the school report card). This information suggests that there is discrimination against Muslims.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)⁸

As per the United Nations Industrial Development Organization ([UNIDO](#)), a company to achieve a balance of economic, environmental, and social imperatives while at the same time addressing the expectations of shareholders and stakeholders. Corporations take resources in the form of raw materials, human resources, etc., from society, and they must give something back to society without prejudice, bias, and discrimination.

The Hinduja group channels its CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) funds through the Hinduja Foundation, which is primarily managed by [family members serving as trustees](#). However, a thorough search of publicly available records does not reveal any evidence of Hinduja managing CSR funds for activities promoting tolerance and unity. Instead, the foundation directs a portion of its funds towards the promotion of Hinduism, such as constructing temples and sponsoring book publications. Additionally, the Hinduja brothers have allocated CSR funds for the beautification of Hindu heritage city [Har ki Podi in Haridwar](#).

Notably, the Hinduja group has made a commitment to utilize a portion of its CSR funds to enhance the Faridabad Assembly constituency, thereby fostering investment in the state as part of the [BJP's "Make-in-India" initiative](#). Furthermore, they have allocated CSR funds to operate three schools in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. However, it should be noted that the enrollment ratio of [Muslim students in these schools](#) is only 3.41 percent out of a total enrollment of approximately six thousand students.

Professional Organization Affiliations⁹

Is there any affiliation with professional and/or independent humanitarian organizations that can be leveraged to mitigate anti-Muslim prejudice, hate, and discrimination? One score will be provided when such affiliation positively impacts the mission to promote an inclusive world without hate, prejudice, and discrimination. For example, participation in or supporting the international day to Combat Islamophobia will be treated as one such affiliation.

The Hinduja brothers were recognized for their achievements in various prestigious events and awards. In 2015, they were honored with [the Business Leader of the Year Award](#) at The Asian Awards. Ashok Hinduja, in 2017, received the ABLF Global Asian Award at the Asian Business Leadership Forum, which was supported by the UAE Government. Furthermore, [OneOTT Intertainment Limited \(OIL\)](#), the Media Vertical arm of the Hinduja Group, was presented with the Innovation Leaders award by Telecomlead.com in 2019.

Extraordinary Conducts, Characteristics, and Attributes¹⁰

Are any extraordinary conducts, characteristics, and attributes promoting an inclusive world free from hate, prejudice, and discrimination?

In 2022, the Hinduja Brothers emerged as the wealthiest Indians with a [collective net worth of US\\$15.2 billion](#). Srichand, Gopichand, Prakash, and Ashok, who make up the four siblings, jointly control the Hinduja Group, a multinational conglomerate. Srichand died in May 2023 at the age of 87 after illness. While Srichand and Gopichand reside in London, Prakash resides in Monaco, and the youngest brother, Ashok, oversees the group's Indian interests from Mumbai. Gopichand is now the chairman of Hinduja Group.

[The Hinduja Group](#)'s diverse business portfolio includes trucks, lubricants, banking, and cable television. Additionally, the brothers own valuable real estate in London, including the historic Old War Office building in Whitehall, which is set to be transformed into a Raffles Hotel. This family mainly belong to Karachi, Sindh Province, British India. The Hinduja family is of Sindhi heritage.

Hinduja Group hosts [Deepavali reception](#) in London but such event never organized for the festival of other religious group.