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Statement on Unwarranted Targeting of the Indian community in Portugal

The Embassy of India has been made aware about an instance of targeted vilification and discrimination directed against people of Indian origin, which led to an altercation at Odivelas Gurudwara on 04 October 2026.

India has long been recognized for its tradition of tolerance and respect for diverse faiths and viewpoints, which is demonstrated in the peaceful coexistence of various religions and communities throughout its history. The Indian diaspora, comprising over 35 million people globally, has contributed positively to the development of their host countries, and has enriched the cultural fabric of the nations in which they reside, including in Portugal. Incidents of unwarranted targeting of Indian places of worship and people of Indian origin is thus a matter of concern.

The Embassy wishes to thank the Portuguese authorities and looks forward to their continued support to ensure the safety, security and dignity of the Indian community in Portugal and to prevent instances of discrimination in any form against them.

Lisbon, Portugal
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