

*Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)*

Item 3: GD

## **Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s Kill**

### **The Situation of Indian Muslims is Seriously Concerning**



**Madam, President,**

ODVV would like to express two major sources of concern:

Firstly, ODVV is alarmed that the most detrimental types of UCMs, known as comprehensive UCMs that amount to Economic Warfare, target civilian lives in many countries including Iran, Venezuela<sup>1</sup>, Cuba, Gaza and Syria.

Reiterating on the main goal of the UN to prevent “collective punishment” and mass killings of civilians in wars, ODVV calls on the UN HRC, UN GA and UN Security Council to stop the mass killings by the Economic Warfare that has weaponized food and medicine to kill the target people in mass.

Secondly, ODVV would like to express serious concern on the killings, attacks and house demolitions of vulnerable Indian Muslims which are committed by some hardliners and is neglected directly or indirectly by the police. Unfortunately, the tragedy can amount to a serious crime.

ODVV calls on India to immediately take concrete steps to minimize the extent and the intensity of violence and seriously prevent it from continuing or spreading.

India is one of the largest democracies in the world and has been a model of peaceful coexistence of different religions. Ending impunity of perpetrators of the heinous attacks, keeps India image untarnished.

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<sup>1</sup> . According to a report by CEPR, in Venezuela, sanctions death toll was recorded to amount to 40,000 lives in a one-year period; please see: <http://cepr.net/publications/reports/economic-sanctions-as-collective-punishment-the-case-of-venezuela>