



# BOMBAY BAR ASSOCIATION

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## RESOLUTION

1. The Bombay Bar Association has noted with grave concern reports of threats, intimidation, harassment and acts of violence directed against Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gautam Patel and members of his family following the judgment delivered by him in proceedings relating to the Syedna succession dispute.
2. The Association records its strongest condemnation of any attempt to threaten, intimidate, harass, assault or otherwise target a Judge or members of a Judge's family on account of the discharge of judicial functions. Reports that a member of Justice Patel's family suffered physical injury in the course of one of these incidents render the matter particularly disturbing and warrant the most serious attention of the authorities.
3. Violence or threats of violence against judges or their families strike at the very heart of judicial independence and constitute a blatant assault on the rule of law. Such conduct is not merely an attack upon an individual Judge; it is an attack upon the institution of the judiciary and the constitutional promise that disputes will be resolved by courts free from fear, favour, affection or ill-will.
4. This Association believes that in a constitutional democracy governed by the rule of law, judicial decisions may be questioned, criticised and challenged only through lawful and constitutional means, including appellate remedies available under law. Resort to threats, intimidation, coercion or violence against judges or their families has no place in a civilised society and cannot be tolerated.
5. The Bombay Bar Association expresses its solidarity with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gautam Patel and his family and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the independence of the judiciary, the dignity of courts and the rule of law.
6. The Association calls upon the concerned authorities to conduct a prompt, thorough and effective investigation into these incidents and to ensure that all persons responsible are identified, apprehended and prosecuted in accordance with law.
7. The Bombay Bar Association expresses its earnest hope and expectation that the perpetrators of these reprehensible acts will be brought to book at the earliest and that all necessary measures will be taken to safeguard judges and their families from acts of intimidation and violence.
8. Bombay Bar Association calls upon Ministry of External Affairs to take all steps necessary and take up the matter with the authorities in England to ensure safety of Justice Patel's family.

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