

## **'Modi go home' posters greet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in London**

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a mixed greeting as he landed in the United Kingdom Wednesday on a four-day visit. Anti-Modi protesters raised banners which read "Modi, you have blood on your hands" and "Modi Not Welcome".

### **Demonstrators stage a protest against the visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Parliament Square, London, Britain. (Photo: Reuters)**

In what is a major embarrassment for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the apparent inaction and prolonged silence of government over Kathua gangrape-murder case and Unnao rape case followed him to London.

There is a massive uproar over the two cases and women security in the general among the Indian diaspora and the South Asia community in the UK. Enormous protests have been planned today outside Downing Street, London.

Posters and banners reading "ModiNotWelcome" have come up on streets and public transports showcasing public anger.

Among the groups that will hold protests will be CasteWatchUK and the South Asian Solidarity Group, which will hold a rally outside Downing Street. Several hundreds of people, particularly Dalits, are expected to join the rally from across the UK. The SASG described Modi as an "avowed fascist and admirer of (Adolf) Hitler".

"On the one hand, Modi talks about bringing people together and of 'Bharat Ki Baat, Sabke Saath', but on the other hand his cohorts RSS storm troopers continue to brazenly defy the law unleashing violence on Dalits and religious minorities", a Caste Watch UK spokesperson said.

A separate silent protest -- with participants encouraged to wear white in commonality -- organised by a group of women will take place on Parliament Square on Wednesday afternoon to express "pain, sorrow, shock" and denunciation of the rapes in Kathua and Unnao, and beyond.

**Demonstrators stage a protest against the visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi opposite Downing Street in London, Britain. Reuters/Toby Melville**

"Following the horrific rape and murder of eight-year-old in the Kathua region of Kashmir, there will be a congregation meeting to silently protest and publicly express pain, sorrow and shock," the protest statement reads.

PM Modi is set to do "Bharat Ki Baat" in London however, protestors in India are questioning why he could not speak over burning issues while he was in the country.

PM Modi is on his second bilateral visit to the UK in three years, ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

No Indian leader visiting a foreign soil has been ever accused of such serious lapses on the British soil.

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