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## **MEDIA RELEASE** **INDIAN STUDENTS BASHING**

The attacks on Indian students have become so common, that it is not even a news any more for local media unless Indian or other foreign media make some noise overseas. Whether they are related to robbery or racial, Indian students are bashed both in Sydney and Melbourne quite frequently.

Australian Government and Australian Universities in particular are benefiting from the multibillion dollar education export, The authorities haven't done enough to protect those foreign students studying here. It appears that nobody be it Law enforcement agencies or Educational Institutions are taking responsibility to impart safety awareness to the visiting students. The crimes committed on Indian students is disproportionate to their numbers. Many of these students are spending their life time savings of their parents to undertake the studies in Australia. Many of these students opted to study here considering that Australia is a safer place compared to USA.

It is not satisfactory for the Government and Police to rely on the common excuse that these attacks are not "racial", rather they are aimed at soft targets. Whether racial or not, crime is a crime, a civilized society like Australia must take every measure to protect and safeguard the so called soft targets who happens to be law abiding and socially responsible Indian students.

Indian and other International Media have started portraying Australia as a racist and non - tolerant society. United Indian Associations calls on the State and Federal Governments to take all reasonable measures to combat this violence against Indian students. The Indian students who have come to study in Australian Universities are guests of this country and their safety is the responsibility of the concerned authorities.

On behalf of UIA, I urge the Federal and State Governments to take immediate measures to prevent any future attacks on Indian students.

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