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To

The Editor In chief

Press Trust of India
New Delhi

Through Email to mkrazdan@pti.in; mkrazdan@ptinews.com

Kind Attn : Mr. M.K. Razdan.

Sub : Your story "**BJP worker killed by VHP, Bajrang Dal cow vigilantes**".

Dear Sir

This is with reference to the telephonic request and subsequent SMS sent to your mobile by our spokesperson Shri Vinod Bansal to bring to your kind attention the most inappropriate reporting of an Udupi incident by your news agency. In this story names of our esteemed organisations i.e. Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the Bajrang Dal were willfully dragged into a case of 'murder' where as, the fact is that our organizations were not even remotely connected with this incident of 18th instant.

Even after our tweets on the same date of releasing the story by PTI specifically tagging therein **@pti\_news,** our press statement and personal requests to your good self, the story derogatory to our organizations is still live on your website since 18 Aug 2016 titling "**BJP worker killed by VHP, Bajrang Dal cow vigilantes**" at

(<http://www.ptinews.com/news/7777451_BJP-worker-killed-by-VHP--Bajrang-Dal-cow-vigilantes-.html>).

In the above news story, it has been alleged that the VHP and Bajrang Dal members carried out the murderous attack. The story then goes on to quote the Hon Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara who says, “... Seventeen people have been arrested in connection with the incident, they (police) are suspecting some sort of a cattle trade-related business dispute."

Did the PTI reporter have any information over and above what was available to the Home Minister of Karnataka, if not then, did he rely on dubious sources of information? This news story, therefore, smacks of irresponsible and unethical journalism on the part of PTI.

PTI, being the largest most reliable news agency of the country, having its reputation throughout the world, having numerous subscribers, this news story was carried by many print/electronic & web media channels, which has ended up severely denting & defaming our image.

  You are once again requested to kindly tender unconditional apology**, kill** this story from the PTI website expressing regret for the mistake immediately, take suitable action against the conspirators intentionally maligning the image of our organizations, to save reputation of the two national prides i.e. PTI & VHP.

Thank you.

Regards

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