



# British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

\*\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*\*

## **BAPIO is dismayed by the manner of death of George Floyd**

Sadly, Mr Floyd's death is but one in the long list of such needless loss of lives linked and attributed to deep set institutional racism all over the world.

BAPIO President Dr Ramesh Mehta said, 'We express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of George Floyd. Since its inception BAPIO has promoted fairness and justice and we oppose violence in thoughts, actions and deeds. We have stood by Imran Yousuf and Hadiza Bawa-Garba and we stand by George Floyd. We abhor racism and will continue to work for equality and inclusion.'

BAPIO Chair Dr J S Bamrah said, 'We hope this tragedy and the public reaction to it will lead to a constructive change in institutional culture to help root out racism and differential treatment in our societies.'

Prof Parag Singhal, Honorary Secretary of BAPIO said, 'We ask for justice to be done for the family of Mr Floyd, and we will keep working on raising our serious concerns on the issue of the widespread discrimination that affect all aspects of ethnic minorities.'

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### **Notes for Editors**

Since its inception in 1996, British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO) has actively promoted the principles of diversity and equality. Over the years the Association has grown in stature and influence. It is represented through active Divisions covering all the English Regions as well as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is now one of the largest organisations of its type in the country. BAPIO is committed to ensuring that the NHS provides the best patient outcomes. By promoting professional excellence and leadership, BAPIO adds value in enhancing the skills of the medical workforce. BAPIO also contributes to the cause of promoting access to better health care globally and responds to aid victims of natural disasters in the world.

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