



**14 October - "Democracy and Religion: The State of Minorities in India"**  
**16:00-17:00 - Committee Room 17**

Jim Shannon MP and the APPG for International Freedom of Religion or Belief hosted a panel event with Christian Solidarity Worldwide looking at religious minorities in India and the current, as well as the historical conditions, of Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) in the country.

There was a 10 minute preview of a film made by British-Indian partners, "Even the Crows: A Divided Gujarat", looking at the then Chief Minister, now Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gujarat in 2002 and Hindu nationalism in India. As well as the short film, we had a panel consisting of:

**Suresh Graver** – a lawyer representing victims of the violence in Gujarat.

**Shabnam Hashmi** - Founder of [ANHAD, Delhi](#), who has been working for more than 20 years on a broad range of human rights issues and combating communalism in India.

**Sheena Sumaria** – Independent film maker

This was a public event attended by members of the public and parliamentarians.