

POLICE CITE ANOTHER VIDEO, CLAIM HOT PURSUIT OF RIOTERS WITH STONES

Camera nails official denial: Police did enter Jamia library, beat students

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 16

THE STUDENTS' organisation that is coordinating the protests against the new citizenship law in Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has released a video that shows uniformed personnel in riot gear indiscriminately beating students with batons and lathis inside the university's library.

The video is from the evening of December 15, 2019, when Delhi Police and the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) entered the campus, ostensibly in pursuit of miscreants who had allegedly set buses on fire in the vicinity of the university. Some of the men seen attacking the students in the video have their faces covered with handkerchieves.

Delhi Police, who had initially denied having ever entered the library, on Sunday said they were "verifying" the video, and that it appeared to have been "edited". They also referred to two other videos, which they said were from the same evening, and which appeared to show protesters as being "prepared with stones".

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Grab from video of police attacking students in the Jamia library on December 15, 2019.

Scared, had latched door... police kicked it down: students in library recall attack

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 16

TWO STUDENTS who can be seen in the video from Jamia Millia Islamia's library, where they were beaten with batons and lathis, told *The Indian Express* on Sunday that the atmosphere just before the police action was

one of fear and panic.

Mohammad Minhajuddin (26), who lost vision in his left eye after being beaten by police, can be seen in the video, sitting in the library wearing a black jacket. As Delhi Police and CRPF personnel enter the room in riot gear, Minhaj attempts to slide out from behind the desk. The uniformed personnel hit him with lathis, and

force him into the hall.

Narrating the events of December 15, 2019, when the police entered the Jamia campus, the final year student of LLM said, "The video is of the first floor. Before they climbed on to the first floor that day, there was violence on the ground floor. We could hear the noise of glass
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Kejriwal 3.0: Want to work with Centre to make Delhi the best

At swearing-in, says forgive our opponents for their remarks

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 16

TAKING CHARGE for a third time after a tenure marked by face-offs with the central government, AAP leader and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Sunday that he wanted to "work together" with the Centre to make Delhi a "world-class city".

Addressing a large gathering at the Ramlila Maidan after being sworn-in along with six ministers, Kejriwal also said that he has forgiven his opponents for their remarks against him during a bitter election campaign, including calling him "a terrorist".

"I had invited the Prime Minister for the ceremony today, but he could not make it because he is busy. I want the PM to bless us so that we can work



Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, with deputy Manish Sisodia at the swearing-in in Delhi on Sunday. Renuka Puri

for the development and progress of Delhi," Kejriwal told a large gathering.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Varanasi but later congratulated Kejriwal "on taking oath as Delhi's CM earlier today". "Best wishes to him for a fruitful tenure," Modi tweeted.

Delhi witnessed a heated, and often vicious, campaign this time with BJP leaders targeting Kejriwal, MoS Anurag Thakur

prompting the "Goli maaro" chant in reference to the anti-CAA protests, and the party's West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh targeting protesters at Shaheen Bagh in an interview where he spoke of them entering homes and "raping
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PM underlines: CAA is in national interest, there will be no rethink

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VARANASI, FEBRUARY 16

IN THE face of raging country-wide protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asserted emphatically that there would be no rethink on the new law enacted by Parliament.

He said steps such as enacting the CAA and removing the special status of Jammu and Kashmir were necessary in the national interest, and were taken



PM Narendra Modi in Varanasi at Jangambadi Math. Anand Singh

despite pressure from all sides. His government, Modi told a public meeting during a day-

long visit to his Lok Sabha constituency, was taking decisions which had always been avoided.

"Mahadev ke aashirvaad se desh aaj wo faisla bhli le raha hai jo hamesha piche chhod diye jaate the. Jammu-Kashmir se Article 370 hatane ka faisla ho, ya phir Citizenship Amendment Act, bason se desh ko in faislon ka intezaar tha. Desh hith main yeh faisla zaroori the. Aur duniya bhar ke saarey dabao ke bawjood in faislon par hum qayam hain aur qayam rahenge (With the blessings of Lord Shiva, the country is
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India says no to UN chief's offer of mediation with Pakistan

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 16

HOURS AFTER UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was ready to help if India and Pakistan agreed, India underlined that there is "no role or scope for third party mediation" on the Kashmir issue.

Guterres said in Islamabad Sunday that it was important for India and Pakistan to de-escalate "militarily and verbally" and exercise "maximum restraint". "I offered my good offices from the beginning. I am ready to help if both countries agree for mediation," the UN chief said, as he began a four-day visit to Pakistan.

In response, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said: "India's position has not changed. Jammu & Kashmir has been, is and will continue to be an integral part of India. The issue that needs to be addressed is that of vacation of the territories illegally and forcibly occupied by Pakistan. Further issues, if any, would be discussed bilaterally. There is no role or scope for third party mediation."

Kumar said: "We hope the UN Secretary-General would emphasize on the imperative for Pakistan to take credible, sustained and irreversible action to put an end to cross-border terrorism against India, which threatens the most fundamental human right — the right to life, of
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State discoms' large dues spark NPA fears in renewable energy

PRABHA RAGHAVAN & ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 16

RENEWABLE ENERGY projects, which have cornered the bulk of private funding in the power sector over the last six years, could be facing a fresh wave of non-performing assets (NPAs). There is renewed nervousness among banks that lending to renewable power utilities over the last five years could turn bad.

In a deposition before a Parliamentary panel, a senior government official flagged that "outstanding payments" due to

renewable energy developers "is a very big issue and an issue of concern" and that "if the situation will not get improved, many solar and wind projects may turn into NPAs".

The power sector accounts for almost half the credit to the infrastructure sector, with the telecom sector coming in second. In the power sector, the renewable energy sector witnessed significant FDI inflows of \$3.22 billion over the last four years. This came alongside domestic investment leveraged mostly by bank funding.

So far, in the renewable
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Renewing concerns

THE CONCERN over renewable energy comes amid uncertainty posed by the SC's decision to uphold the government's definition of adjusted gross revenue, which impacts telecom majors. There are fears over loans in aviation, too, due to groundings, thin margins, and fuel price volatility.

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5 FIRs and counting... NRC ex-chief Hajela's hounding goes on

TORA AGARWALA
GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 16

FOR OVER five years, he was the face of Assam's historic National Register of Citizens (NRC) — an exercise rife with controversy, and statistics of astounding proportions: 3.29 crore applicants, 6.6 crore documents and more than 50,000 employees.

But months after its completion on August 31, 2019, Prateek Hajela, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, remains the target of those unhappy with the NRC, including the Assam government.

Since the publication of the final list, which excluded 19 lakh people, five FIRs have been filed against Hajela, accusing him of



Faces wrath of those who are unhappy with outcome of NRC process. Express Archive

allegedly tampering with NRC data and misappropriating funds. Three of the FIRs have been filed by Assam Public Works (APW), the main petitioner of the NRC update process. It claims that
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Longest civil suit vs a strong room that can't be breached: royal saga continues in Rampur

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ESHA ROY
RAMPUR (UP), FEBRUARY 16

A STRONG room built in the 1930s to withstand bombs and war is set to be felled by a family dispute that lies at the heart of the country's longest-running civil suit. However, before that, the authorities in UP have to be able to open it.

A few weeks of drilling has so far yielded only a note-book size hole into its six-tonne, two-lock door, after which the court ordered a stay. Meanwhile, as the

squabbling Rampur royals wait with bated breath, speculation is rife about what lies inside.

Hidden deep in the centre of the 220-room, 450-acre Khas Bagh Kothi, accessible only through the master bedroom, the strong room has been seen by few even within the royals, one branch of which includes former Congress MP Nour Bano Begum.

But the legend of its riches, which occupies Rampur's marketplaces, tea stalls, even lawyers' chambers at the Collectorate, includes gold coins, Kohinoor-type diamonds, gem-encrusted and gold-hilted Rampuri knives and swords, and crowns and tiaras.



Inside the 220-room, 450-acre Khas Bagh Kothi. Gajendra Yadav

The attempt to open the strong room is part of evaluation of the royal inheritance being

done by the Rampur district court, following a Supreme Court order on July 31 last year on the

dispute within the royal family.

Apart from Khas Bagh Kothi, two of whose 220 rooms are still in use by the family, officials will be assessing other properties such as the 200-acre Kothi Benazir, Sarhari Kunda and Shahbad Kothi, all in Rampur. Shahbad Kothi includes the famous Lakhi Bagh, so named for the one lakh trees planted by the Rampur Nawab there. Both Benazir as well as Shahbad are home to the family's mango orchards.

Since January, officials have been going room to room at Khas Bagh Kothi — last Monday, an armoury yielded 1,000 swords and 315 rifles — before
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