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War of words over HC judge's transfer

NEW DELHI
The late Wednesday notification of the Law Ministry transferring Justice S. Muralidhar from the Delhi High Court to the Punjab and Haryana High Court triggered a political war of words between the Union government and the Congress. The Opposition party alleged that the move was aimed at saving some BJP leaders in the Delhi violence case.

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Health mission workers roughed up in Indore

BHOPAL
A survey of the National Health Mission to identify tuberculosis patients was stalled in Indore after four Accredited Social Health Activists were roughed up and driven away from a slum. They were suspected of taking part in the updation exercise of the National Population Register. One activist fainted on the spot.

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Toll rises to 38, Delhi limps to normalcy

CM announces ₹10 lakh for kin of those killed; 514 held for violence; AAP corporator charged

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The death toll in the violence that has rocked north-east Delhi since Sunday rose to 38 on Thursday, with 11 more persons succumbing to injuries at various hospitals. The national capital was, however, spared any major clashes, shifting the focus to investigation, relief and rehabilitation.

A police spokesperson said 48 FIRs had been registered and 514 suspects arrested or detained for questioning so far. Special teams also carried out raids in the Delhi-National Capital Region to arrest rioters.

Late in the day, a case of murder and arson was lodged against Aam Aadmi Party corporator Tahir Hussain and other unidentified persons at the Dayalpur police station. The party announced that Mr. Hussain had been suspended from primary membership till investigations are completed, after a complaint was filed by the father of Ankit Sharma, who was found dead in a drain near his home in Chand Bagh.

While Mr. Hussain denied any involvement in the riots or the killing of Sharma, an Intelligence Bureau officer, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal called for "double punishment" if any party men were found involved.

Mr. Kejriwal also announced that the Delhi go-



Turned to ruins: Women walk past charred vehicles in a riot-affected area of Delhi on Thursday. ■ REUTERS

vernment would provide ex gratia of ₹10 lakh to families of those killed in the violence. The government will also pay for the treatment of those injured at private hospitals under the Farishtey scheme, now extended to riot victims.

The investigation into the violence was transferred on Thursday to the Crime Branch, and the cases will be probed by two Special Investigation Teams.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also held a review meeting, after which it was decided that prohibitory or-

ders under Section 144 would be relaxed for 10 hours on Friday as no major incident had been reported over 36 hours.

Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal Singh, was seen taking his belongings away to stay at an alternative place. He confirmed that all the buildings burnt belonged to Muslims, but some had Hindu tenants. "When madness grips people, you can see the results," Mr. Singh stated.

Waiting to exhale
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ed with local peace committees.

Shops reopened in the riot-hit areas amid large-scale deployment of police and paramilitary personnel. Civic agencies also began clearing roads strewn with burnt vehicles and debris.

However, people in the violence-hit areas remained fearful. Residents complained that the police had not responded to their calls to the emergency "100" number since Monday.

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Cong. leaders meet Kovind

A Congress delegation led by party president Sonia Gandhi met President Ram Nath Kovind and sought the removal of Home Minister Amit Shah for "abdication of duty during the communal violence in Delhi". The leaders also urged him to remind the Centre of its *raj dharma*. Former PM Manmohan Singh called the riot-related deaths "a matter of national shame".

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HC to hear plea for FIRs against BJP leaders on April 13

File affidavit in 4 weeks, Centre told

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday adjourned to April 13 the hearing on a petition seeking FIRs against three BJP leaders - Anurag Thakur, Kapil Mishra and Parvesh Verma - for their alleged hate speeches. The Central government and the Delhi police have been given four weeks to file their affidavit on the issue.

A Bench of Chief Justice D.N. Patel and Justice C. Hari Shankar also allowed the Union government to become a party to the matter, following submissions by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

After the affidavit is filed by the police, which comes under the Union Home Ministry, petitioner Harsh Mander is expected to file his reply.

'Not conducive'

During the hearing, Mr. Mehta - who has been authorised by the Delhi Lieutenant Governor to represent the Delhi police - said the time was not "conducive" to file FIRs related to the alleged hate speeches as the priority right now was to ensure peace. The authorities had examined all the video



Anurag Thakur, Kapil Mishra

clips related to the speeches and FIRs would be registered at an appropriate time.

Special Commissioner of Police Praveer Ranjan submitted that the police had registered 48 cases related to rioting, following which Mr. Mehta said all stakeholders were working to ensure normalcy and that any hurried intervention might not be conducive.

Mr. Mehta said the petitioner "in his wisdom" had picked only three speeches and that the police had received a large number of speeches alleged to be inflammatory in nature. Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, representing the petitioner, sought immediate registration of FIRs against anyone who had indulged in hate speech, to send across a strong message.

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The Delhi police were missing, Hindus and Muslims agree

As the embers still burn, fear and anger are palpable in north-east Delhi

AMIT BARUAH
NEW DELHI

Some shops are still slowly smoking, in others people could be seen examining what is salvageable. Charred vehicles litter the road at the crossing of Mustafabad-Shiv Vihar in north-east Delhi. Even once mighty steel almirahs dot the patchy road.

At major crossings in Jafraabad, Ganga Vihar, Shiv Vihar and Gokulpuri, police pickets can be seen. In Gokulpuri, most shops are open while in Mustafabad where many shops and a school were gutted, it's not business as usual.

Delhi police and Rapid Action Force personnel are deployed in many areas, with local residents making arrangements to feed them. People with metal buckets and paper plates were going around, feeding policemen.

All the glass panes of Rajdhani Public Sr. Sec. School at Shiv Vihar Tiraha are broken. One room is full of notebooks and paper. In what looks like a reception area, only the metal bits remain of what was once furniture.

"There was firing by Muslims from rooftops," a shopkeeper identified as a Hindu tells me, looking out from his burnt shop. "Monday was so scary," said a woman with a bindi on her forehead.

Cooped up indoors

After navigating a path through a gali littered with bricks, this reporter walked ahead of the school and towards an inner lane. No residents could be seen.

Two women, identified as



Remains of a school in Shiv Vihar Tiraha. ■ AMIT BARUAH

Muslims, fear writ large on their faces, ask me if they could be helped to their houses to get clothes for their children as they had fled with nothing. "We have small children and they have no clothes. Please help us." They are guided to the RAF men at the head of the lane and are allowed to proceed.

Walking back into the lane, this reporter could hear voices from inside the steel shuttering of a house. A woman poked her head out of a small window and said, "We have not got out of our houses since Monday. We are too scared to go out."

Soon, some men, identified as Muslims, emerge from an inner lane. Fear and anger is palpable. "We have had to flee our houses. Our mosques in Shiv Vihar were desecrated. The nephew of a local BJP leader was seen opening fire. We are not being allowed out by the police even to get milk for our children."

"Hindus are freely moving around. But the police don't allow us to move out," they say in chorus. "Come and see... a Hindu temple in the inner lane is safe."

On one thing, both Hindus and Muslims were united. They kept dialling the police, but no one came on Monday. This was a persistent complaint by people in both Mustafabad and Shiv Vihar.

Ravikant Upadhyay, who works at a weighbridge outside Mustafabad, said their installation had been totally destroyed. "We have suffered a loss of at least ₹10 lakh. Our owner is a Muslim, but I have never had a problem working for him." The shop was still smouldering after three days.

Moving to Shiv Vihar, one could see that a mosque had been burnt from the inside. It was pitch dark and mangled ceiling fans told the story of fire in the mosque. Several Hindu residents confirmed that all the Muslims living in

the area had fled their houses after the violence.

Even one Hindu, Ram Kumar Singh, was seen taking his belongings away to stay at an alternative place. He confirmed that all the buildings burnt belonged to Muslims, but some had Hindu tenants. "When madness grips people, you can see the results," Mr. Singh stated.

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But how did the area escape the violence given its proximity to the area where the riots have taken place? "We have never allowed entry to any outsiders. This was not a Hindu-Muslim riot. People had been brought from outside to foment trouble."

Javed, Manoj and others said they hadn't slept since Sunday night. Neither had anyone gone to work, to make sure that everyone was safe. The same was the case in the other areas.

Thursday night, too, will be a long one for the residents of Jaffraabad, Ganga Vihar, Shiv Vihar and Gokulpuri.

Inaccurate, says India as criticism mounts

MEA reacts to U.S. leaders, UN body

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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) condemned widespread international criticism of the Delhi violence as "misleading and inaccurate" and urged various leaders in the U.S., media, and international organisations not to make "irresponsible comments at a sensitive time" for India.

On Thursday, the government faced statements from the U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), several Democrat and Republican

leaders in addition to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the communal violence since February 24 that has left at least 38 people dead.

"These [statements] are factually inaccurate and misleading, and appear to be aimed at politicising the issue," said MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar, referring specifically to comments coming from the U.S.

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Gujral complains to Shah about 'apathy' of police

Akali MP likens situation to 1984 riots

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Shiromani Akali Dal MP Naresh Gujral has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah about the unresponsive attitude of the Delhi police to distress calls, after his pleas on behalf of an acquaintance were ignored.

In his letter, addressed to Mr. Shah and copied to Lt.-Governor Anil Bajjal and Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik, Mr. Gujral likened the situation to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. "I thought about whether to make public my letter, but I have been a witness to the riots of 1984, and

I don't ever want a repeat of that. Everyone should speak up against this apathy of the police and the violence," the son of former Prime Minister I.K. Gujral said.

Mr. Gujral, whose party is an ally in the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance, said in his letter, "On 26th night, around 11.30 p.m., I received a desperate call from an acquaintance that he and 15 other Muslims were trapped in a house near Gonda Chowk in Mayapuri, and that a mob was trying to break in to the premises."

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A Floyd moment for India's poetry of protest

Rock icon Roger Waters reads out lines from Delhi student's poem at London event

P.J. GEORGE
CHENNAI

At a protest in London last week to demand the release of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, Pink Floyd founder and rock icon Roger Waters read out lines from a poem by an Indian poet to huge applause from the crowd.

The lines were a translation of *Sab Yaad Rakha Jayega* (Everything will be remembered) by Amir Aziz, a student from Delhi. Responding to a series of events from the abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir to the violence against students in Jamia Millia and JNU, Aziz's poem, written in January, had been shared widely.

Waters introduced Aziz as



Pink Floyd founder Roger Waters and poet Amir Aziz, right.

a poet and activist in Delhi "involved in the fight against Modi and his fascist, racist citizenship law."

The lines that Waters read went thus:

"Kill us, we will become ghosts... We will speak so loudly that even the deaf will hear/ We will write so clearly that even the blind



will read/ You write injustice on earth / We will write revolution in the sky.

Everything will be remembered/ Everything recorded."

"I think this kid's got a future," 76-year-old Waters said after the recitation, as the crowd applauded. The rockstar also made a

reference to India's anti-CAA protests, as well as protests in other countries.

"Julian is why we are here today, but this is no parochial protest. We are part of a global movement that might be the beginning of the global enlightenment, which this fragile planet so desperately needs," he said.

The video of Waters' recital set off a Twitter storm with Pakistan PM Imran Khan tagging it with the words that "it was time for the world to stand up and take notice" of the "massacre in India". Reactions from IndianTwitter users ranged from a resounding thumbs up to put downs terming it "naive interventionism".