

## RIOTS IN NORTHEAST DELHI

### Take videos, photos of post-mortem: Delhi court as family claims death after detention

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

IN A significant order at a time when questions are being raised over the delay in conducting the post-mortem of those killed in the riots in northeast Delhi, a local court has directed police and a hospital to shoot videos and photographs of the examination of the body of a man who succumbed to head injuries on February 26, a day after he was released from detention.

The order was issued Saturday by a Delhi court on a petition moved by the brother of the 23-year-old victim, whose identity is being withheld on request from the family's lawyers. The family has alleged that the deceased "suffered injuries during police detention, ultimately leading to his death" at LNJP Hospital. Claiming that they were not allowed to see the victim despite repeated visits to the police station, the family had moved the

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court with a plea to direct Delhi Police to conduct inquest proceedings under section 177 CrPc to ascertain the cause of death.

Accepting the plea, the court ordered police to follow guidelines laid down by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) "in respect of video filming and photography of

## UNION HOME MINISTER AT RALLY IN KOLKATA

### Mamata scaring minorities over CAA, but she can't stop us: Shah in Bengal

'Refugees being intimidated in Bengal...will give them citizenship'

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KOLKATA, MARCH 1

ACCUSING WEST Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee of "scaring" refugees and minorities over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the state government can't stop the BJP-led Central government from granting citizenship to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian refugees in the country.

Addressing a rally at Shahid Minar Ground in the city, Shah said, "Modiji brought in CAA,



Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the rally at Shaheed Minar in Kolkata, Sunday. Partha Paul

Mamata didi opposed it. In Bengal, riots were carried out, trains were burned... Refugees are being scared that you will have to show documents, that

your right to live here will be snatched, this will happen to you, that will... that you will have to go to the police station,

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### Don't preach, apologise for Delhi riots: Trinamool, Oppn hit out at Shah

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THE TRINAMOOL Congress hit out at Union Home Minister Amit Shah for his remarks in Kolkata, saying that instead of "preaching" to West Bengal he should be "apologising" for the riots in Delhi. "Rather than coming and preaching #Bengal @AmitShah you should have explained and apologised for failing to save more than 50 innocent lives in #DelhiViolence right under your nose. Mr Shah, Bengal is better off without bigotry and hatred

that BJP is trying to spread," tweeted Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee.

In his speech, Shah had, in an apparent reference to Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek, said only a son of the soil and "no shahzada (prince)" would become Chief Minister when the BJP comes to power in the state. The CPI(M) and the Congress, which organised rallies in

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### In Japan, a city prepares for India's Olympians: yoga on TV



Zumi Egami from Tsukuba University helps athlete Hima Das wear a kimono in Patiala

NIHAL KOSHIE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

WHEN MEMBERS of the Indian archery team reach their pre-Olympics training camp in Japan's Kurobe, local TV stations will telecast programmes on yoga and desi food to help residents understand the culture of the visiting athletes.

Seven archers and support staff will train in the city during June-July before the Tokyo Games, which are scheduled to start on July 24. And the mayor and town council members are set to roll out the red carpet to make the Indians feel at home.

But first, a few questions need to be answered as the Japanese want to be the perfect hosts. In Delhi, the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) officials, who scouted for training venues in Japan for various teams, are in the process of mining a detailed questionnaire from Kurobe.

Every box needs to be filled out carefully before the Indian archers land in Tokyo and proceed to Kurobe nearly 400 km away: What time will they sleep, what time will they wake up, time required for the lunch break, free time during the day, possibility of training sessions being open to the public,

### 3 more bodies found in drains in riot-hit areas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

DELHI POLICE recovered three more bodies from drains in northeast Delhi Sunday, possibly taking the death toll from the riots in the area last week to 45.

Police Additional PRO, Anil Mittal, said the bodies were removed with the help of divers from the area, and were yet to be identified. Police sources, however, said it was too early to confirm whether the latest recovery was linked to the riots.

Last week, four bodies, including that of IB staffer Ankit Sharma, were fished out from drains in the area in the aftermath of the riots.

Police have so far registered 254 FIRs related to the violence,

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out of which 41 have been registered under the Arms Act, while 903 people have been arrested or detained, Mittal said. Police have not received any calls regarding rioting from the northeast district over the last four days, he said.

### In Meghalaya, 3 deaths widen CAA, ethnic faultlines: 'Had machetes... planned attack'

ABHISHEK SAHA  
SHILLONG, MARCH 1

RUPCHAND DEWAN, the 29-year-old from Assam's Barpeta district who was killed in Shillong on Saturday, and his wife had adopted a baby girl only 15 days ago, his relatives said.

Dewan, who used to sell tomatoes in Shillong's commercial hub of Bara Bazar and lived in the Laban area of the city, is among three people who have

died so far in violence believed to be related to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. On Saturday morning, two men walked up to his small store and stabbed him.

His death followed the killing of a Khasi man, Lurshai Hynniewta, by a mob, allegedly of non-tribals, in Ichamati village in the East Khasi Hills district, close to the Bangladesh border, on Friday. Curfew has been imposed and mobile internet services have been snapped in large parts of the state follow-



Curfew in Shillong, other parts. Abhishek Saha

ing the violence.

"Rupchand was an innocent man. How would killing him give justice to the death of a Khasi in Ichamati?" asked Dewan's cousin Samsul. Dewan is survived by, besides his wife and infant daughter, a paralysed father, an ailing mother and a younger brother.

Parveen Nongrum, at whose house Dewan stayed on rent, said he had been staying and working in Shillong for the last five years. "That day, he went to

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Signals simmering tensions

THE LAST four decades have seen numerous incidents of violence in Meghalaya targeted at non-tribals, including from Bengal and Nepal. The latest bout follows a sustained campaign over the implementation of the Inner Line Permit and unrest in the Northeast over the CAA that led to six deaths in Assam two months ago.

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