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Ayodhya Photojournalist Recalls Police Firing On Karsevaks In 1990

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Photojournalist Mahendra Tripathi.

CASE SUMMARY

30 October firing	The official death toll was 16. Residents and local journalists believed it was higher.
2 November scene	Photojournalist Mahendra Tripathi recalled finding numerous men lying in pools of blood at Lal Kothi near Hanuman Garhi temple.
Eyewitness account	Tripathi said he saw two sadhus fatally shot near the Babri mosque.
Photographs published	Dainik Jagran published Tripathi's photographs in the next day's edition.
Later exhibitions	The Vishwa Hindu Parishad exhibited his photographs across the country. Tripathi said he accepted no payment for them.

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