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Vasudev Gupta: The Ayodhya Firing That Shattered His Family

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Seema Gupta shows pictures of her father's bullet-ridden body

CASE SUMMARY

Shop location	Gupta ran a tea and sweets shop near Naya Ghat chauraha in Ayodhya.
Decision to join	Gupta pledged to join the 30 October 1990 rally after hearing criticism that Ayodhya residents were leaving the temple campaign to outsiders.
Police firing	Police opened fire as the procession Gupta led neared Ram Janmabhoomi.
First death	His daughter says Gupta was the first to die that day. He sustained three bullet wounds.
Compensation offer	Gupta's widow refused compensation offered by then chief minister Mulayam Singh Yadav.

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