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Ayodhya's 1934 Clash and the Fines Hindu Families Paid

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CASE SUMMARY

Reported trigger	The Fyzabad commissioner reported that a cow was slaughtered near Shahjahanpur on Bakrid, 27 March 1934.
Damage to the mosque	The deputy collector reported that the gateway was largely demolished, interior fittings were burnt, and at least one dome sustained substantial damage.
Collective fine	The government imposed a fine of Rs 85,000 on the Hindu community to cover the damage.
Alternative account of the trigger	Sheetla Prasad Pandey recounts his grandfather's account that Naga sadhus were angered after finding namaz being offered at the site.
Household fine	Pandey says his grandfather was made to pay Rs 51.

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