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# Bareilly Knife-Attack Claim Collapses After Police Clarification

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On 5 September 2023, Swati Goel Sharma reported that a Bareilly communal-attack claim had unravelled: police said a forehead inscription was made with a marker, and the boy identified his cousin as responsible. Posts blaming Hindus nevertheless remained online after official clarification.



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## THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The boy identified his own cousin as the person who wrote the inscription, contradicting the initial assumption that a Hindu outsider was responsible.
- Police said a permanent marker had been used, directly contradicting the family's initial fear that the words had been cut with a knife.
- The initial anger brought a crowd onto the street, where protesters attempted to block a busy road before the account was clarified.
- The report found that several posts continued to circulate blame despite official clarification, allowing the false communal account to persist online.

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