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Seven Media Narratives Challenged After the Nuh Violence

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Several outlets' coverage of the Nuh violence downplayed deaths among Hindus and framed the attack on the procession as a response to provocation. The article compares how reports described the deaths and the procession, and cites reports that preparations for the attack preceded the video blamed for provoking it.



Nuh violence.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Swati criticises BBC and Reuters for foregrounding the Muslim cleric's death, arguing that their openings distorted readers' understanding of the violence.
- She argues that reported preparations over several days contradict attempts to make a video posted on the attack day its organising trigger.
- An unnamed senior government officer confirmed to Swarajya that an armed man in a circulated video was a plainclothes policeman protecting the procession.
- Swati challenges claims of uninterrupted communal harmony by citing 1992 reporting of temple attacks, violence against cows and the army's deployment.

THE TAKEAWAY

The reported preparations before Bajrangi's video and the coverage of retaliatory killings show why the order of events matters when assigning responsibility for the Nuh violence.

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