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Malegaon Court Orders Namaz After Conviction for Street Assault

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CASE SUMMARY

Location	Malegaon, Nashik district, Maharashtra
Complainant's account	The complainant said an autorickshaw driver knocked over his bike and beat him when confronted near Sonapura Masjid.
Verdict	The court convicted the driver under IPC Section 323 and acquitted him of the other charges.
Order on 27 February	The magistrate ordered the man to offer namaz five times a day for 21 days and plant two trees on the mosque premises to avoid jail time.

THE TAKEAWAY

The order drew criticism because it made religious observance a condition for avoiding jail after a conviction for causing hurt.

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