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Alwar Sikh Priest Alleges Attackers Cut His Hair

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Victim Gurbaksh Singh (left); on the right, a picture of the protest by Sikhs and Hindus on 22 July in Alwar

CASE SUMMARY

Date and location	A former gurudwara priest was attacked in Alwar district, Rajasthan, on 21 July.
Victim's account	The former priest said the men cut his hair after taking instructions over the phone.
Suspected motive	PTI quoted Alwar's police superintendent as saying that the attack appeared linked to longstanding tensions over alleged relationships in Alawada.
Police action	Ramgarh police filed FIR 417/2022 on 21 July, booking a sarpanch and four unidentified men.
Protest	On 22 July, Sikh residents protested outside the police station to demand swift arrests, joined by Hindu residents.

THE TAKEAWAY

The former priest said the attackers brought up Sikh men eloping with Muslim women, and Alwar's police superintendent described the link to earlier disputes as provisional.

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