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Beheading Calls and Blasphemy Rallies Amid the Pandemic

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A still from a rally in bareilly

CASE SUMMARY

Ajmer gathering	A crowd gathered at Ajmer Sharif Dargah to protest alleged blasphemy after the dargah had been declared closed until 30 April.
Trigger	A video circulated of Yati Narsinghanand Saraswati making remarks about Prophet Mohammed at Delhi's Press Club.
Bareilly demand	Protesters called for Narsinghanand to be booked under the National Security Act.
Jail bharo announcement	A cleric associated with Tahreek Farogh-E-Islam said a nationwide jail bharo protest would begin on 4 May.
Kanpur police response	Police removed hoardings calling for beheadings after photos circulated on social media.

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