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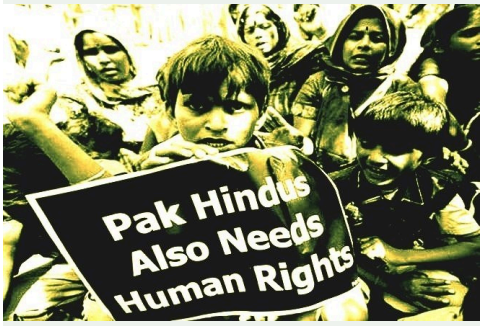
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Why Karak Temple Destruction and Madhya Pradesh Mosque Incident Differ

Original analysis by **Swati Goel Sharma**

The author argues that the removal of a mosque's flag in Madhya Pradesh and the burning of a Hindu temple in Pakistan differed in scale and reflected different patterns of communal violence. The article cites police accounts of the two incidents, examples of attacks on Hindu temples in India and Pakistan, and Reuters reporting that more than 30 Hindu temples in Pakistan were damaged or destroyed after the Babri mosque demolition.



Representative Image. (Pakistani Hindu refugees)

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Police quoted in the report said a Hindu rally faced stone-pelting before people climbed a nearby mosque and removed its flag.
- Police said those who climbed the mosque were brought down before damaging the shrine, a distinction central to the comparison.
- In Pakistan's Karak district, a mob vandalised and burned a Hindu temple on 30 December; Pakistani media attributed leadership to local clerics.
- The Karak temple had previously been demolished in 1997 and rebuilt in 2015 following a Supreme Court order, according to the cited report.

THE TAKEAWAY

The Madhya Pradesh incident followed reported stone-throwing at a rally, while the Karak fire followed the temple's earlier demolition and court-ordered rebuilding.

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