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Nalanda Police Face Legal Criticism Over Saffron Flag FIR

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A saffron flag (Vivek Joshi/Wikimedia)

CASE SUMMARY

FIR and location	FIR 147/2020 was filed at Laheri police station in Bihar Sharif, Nalanda, on 20 April.
Initial report	The block development officer said a senior official told him on 18 April that Bajrang Dal members were putting up saffron flags at Hindu-owned shops.
Purchase appeal allegation	The complaint alleges that Bajrang Dal members urged Hindus to buy only from Hindu-owned shops or shops displaying saffron flags.
Charges invoked	Police invoked IPC Sections 147, 149, 188, 153A and 295A, and Section 66 of the IT Act.
Legal objection	Advocate Rakesh K Singh said police had wrongly invoked Section 295A.

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