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Sagar Family Alleges Neighbours Set Dalit Man on Fire

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Dhan Prasad Ahirwar's picture in the room where he was allegedly set on fire by neighbours. Picture clicked on 28 January. (Swati Goel Sharma/Swarajya Magazine)

CASE SUMMARY

Alleged attack	Neighbours allegedly set a man on fire at his home in Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh, on 14 January.
Death	He died on 23 January after being transferred to Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi.
Account in the FIR	In his statement to police, the man said neighbours barged into his home and poured kerosene on him after he told them to stop abusing his parents.
Arrests	Sagar's superintendent of police said all five accused had been arrested.
Alternative account	The superintendent said police had found no evidence so far to support some residents' claim of self-immolation.

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