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Faiz Recitation at IIT Kanpur's Jamia Event Draws Complaint

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An IIT Kanpur faculty member and 15 student signatories sought action after a participant recited lines by Faiz Ahmed Faiz at a December 2019 Jamia solidarity event. The complaint alleged that the lines were communal. The deputy director said organisers had no permission for a large gathering.



A photograph of the 'solidarity with Jamia students' event held in IIT Kanpur on 17 December

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- Vashi Sharma submitted a mobile video to the IIT Kanpur director and asked for action against participants. The correspondent received a subtitled copy.
- The complaint read the recited lines as a call for the destruction of all idols and for the worship of Allah alone.
- A student interrupted the recitation. The footage then showed security separating him and Sharma from the reader as the crowd hooted and the gathering broke up.
- An office order issued by the deputy director on the morning of 17 December barred protest marches and large gatherings on campus.

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