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Noida's Namaz Row and the Fight Over Public Land

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Worshippers offer prayers.

CASE SUMMARY

Sector 58 notice	Police asked 23 firms and factories to stop employees from gathering for Friday prayers in the park because the city magistrate had given no permission.
Complaints behind the notice	The station house officer said he acted after objections from Bishanpura residents and some companies.
Greater Noida enforcement	Authorities also stopped a week-long Hindu religious event planned without permission at a Sector 37 park.
28 December outcome	No Friday prayers took place in the Sector 58 park. Most worshippers went to adjacent parks or nearby mosques.
26 December complaint	A local Vishwa Hindu Parishad functionary wrote to the district magistrate seeking removal of alleged encroachments.

THE TAKEAWAY

The police notice addressed gatherings in the Sector 58 park, while the district magistrate gave no determination on ownership of the other disputed sites.

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