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Shanti Devi's Shuddhi and the Killing of Swami Shraddhanand

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Tabassum and her mother Shanti Devi (right)

CASE SUMMARY

Documentary account	Tabassum told documentary-maker Subhash Agarwal about her mother's journey to Hinduism.
Shuddhi	Swami Shraddhanand welcomed Azghari Begum into the Hindu faith and gave her the name Shanti Devi.
Police complaint	Her family accused Shraddhanand and two Arya Samaj associates of kidnapping and forcibly converting her.
Acquittal	The court acquitted all three on 4 December 1926.
Killing	Abdul Rashid killed Swami Shraddhanand on 23 December 1926.

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