

Extra-Judicial Killings by Non-State Actors

14 killed by suspected Hindu extremists, across six states (12 Muslims, 1 Christian, 1 Hindu)

1. 7 June, 2024 ([Raipur](#), Chhattisgarh): Three Muslim men who were transporting buffaloes from Uttar Pradesh to Odisha were accosted and lynched by Hindu extremists. While two of the victims (Chand Miya Khan and Guddu Khan) were found dead, the third victim (Saddam Qureishi) succumbed to his injuries ten days later in hospital.

Four men were reportedly [arrested](#) in connection with the murders, including a leader of the BJP's student wing. Hindu extremists launched [mass protests](#) seeking the release of the accused men. One of the protests was [reportedly](#) led by BJP MLA Mukta Raja.

Later, in August, the police's Special Investigation Team that had probed the case alleged in its [chargesheet](#) that the three victims were not assaulted but had 'jumped' to their deaths.

2. 18 June, 2024 ([Aligarh](#), Uttar Pradesh): A 35-year-old Muslim man (Mohd Fareed, also known as Aurangzeb) was lynched by a Hindu mob that reportedly suspected him of theft.

Four arrests were reported in connection with the murder. 11 days after the incident, police registered an FIR against the victim and six other Muslim men on charges of dacoity and assaulting a woman.

A civil society fact-finding report [found](#) that the mob that had attacked Fareed had specifically confirmed his Muslim identity before assaulting him. The report further alleged that the murder probe was being delayed in a bid to protect the accused.

3. 22 June, 2024 ([Diyodar](#), Gujarat): A Muslim truck driver (Mishri Khan Baloch) was lynched to death by Hindu extremists, reportedly after he was accosted while transporting cattle.

The victim's family and other locals alleged that the assailants belonged to an extortion gang that targets vehicles transporting animals, and that they had initially demanded a bribe from him.

While 13 arrests were reported, police have refused to characterise the case as a lynching. Of the five main accused in the case, one had been involved in [another similar incident](#) in July 2023, when a Muslim man had been assaulted by cow vigilantes.

4. 22 June, 2024 ([Anand](#), Gujarat): A 23-year-old Muslim man (Salman Vohra) was lynched by a mob at a cricket tournament. Witnesses alleged that Muslim players had been heckled by Hindus among the crowd for performing well, and that the victim was assaulted with cricket bats and knives.

Nine arrests were reported, but witnesses alleged that two men who led the assault – including one who is reportedly related to a BJP MLA – were not arrested.

5. 24 June, 2024 ([Dantewada](#), Chhattisgarh): An Adivasi Christian woman was murdered by her relatives who reportedly disputed her claim to family land following her conversion to Christianity.

Two arrests were reported. The victim's sister, who had also converted to Christianity, alleged that the police denied permission for a Christian funeral in the village.

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6. 26 June, 2024 ([Kolkata](#), WB): A Muslim man (Irshad Alam) was tied up and lynched by a mob that accused him of theft. The victim, a TV mechanic, was rescued by police and taken to a hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.
7. 2 July, 2024 ([Koderma](#), Jharkhand): A Muslim cleric (Maulana Sahabuddin) was lynched by a mob, reportedly after his bike collided with a woman and caused her minor injuries.

While the victim's family alleged that he was targeted on the basis of his religious identity, police refused to treat the case as a communally-motivated lynching. The state Chief Minister assured 'full justice', but no arrests have been reported so far.

8. 4 July, 2024 ([Shamli](#), UP): A Muslim man (Firoz Qureshi) was beaten to death by a mob that reportedly accused him of theft.

A day after the incident, police registered an FIR against two journalists and three others – all Muslims – for allegedly promoting religious enmity by sharing 'malicious' posts and false information about the killing.

An FIR has also been registered in connection with the killing (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), but no arrests have been reported. Police have reportedly [denied](#) the lynching claims, and instead foregrounded aspects of the victim's 'drug addiction' and 'unruly behaviour' in their public statements to media.

9. 7 July, 2024 ([Ranchi](#), Jharkhand): A 30-year-old Muslim man (Akhtar Ansari) was lynched by a mob that reportedly accused him of stealing a goat.

Police have registered an FIR in connection with the killing (murder), but have denied that the killing was communally-motivated. No arrests have been reported.

- 30 July, 2024 ([Pakur](#), Jharkhand): A 22-year-old Muslim man (Samiul Sheikh) was beaten to death by a mob that accused him of theft. A group of villagers had found the victim wounded and taken him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Three arrests were reported.

10. 27 August, 2024 ([Charkhi Dadri](#), Haryana): A Bengali Muslim migrant worker was lynched by a Hindu mob that accused him of cooking and consuming beef.

A witness alleged that he and the victim had been lured to a shop by the assailants, where they were assaulted. While the witness managed to escape, the victim's body was later found near the shanties where he lived.

Five people were arrested and two minors were detained in connection with the incident.

11. 3 September, 2024 ([Faridabad](#), Haryana): A 17-year-old Hindu youth travelling in a car was chased and killed by alleged 'cow vigilantes' who reportedly mistook him for a Muslim cattle smuggler.

The five assailants, who have since been arrested, opened fire at the car, first hitting the victim near the neck and then in the chest. One of the attackers was later reported to have expressed remorse for 'killing a Brahmin'.

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Police denied social media reports that the assailants belonged to Haryana's official cow protection force. However, at least one of the assailants is [known](#) to have previously worked closely with police in 'cattle smuggling' cases.