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The following submission is made by [The Polis Project](https://thepolisproject.com/), Inc, a New York-based hybrid research and journalism organization that focuses on state violence in South Asia, specifically India.

Please find attached source material with links to reports, research, and in-depth reported pieces on anti-Muslim hatred and discrimination.

**Brutalizing Innocence – Testimonies of Torture and Police Violence against Minors by UP Police**

*The report Brutalizing Innocence jointly produced by* [*Quill Foundation*](http://www.quillfoundation.com/)*,* [*Citizens Against Hate,*](http://citizensagainsthate.org/) *and* [*HAQ: Centre for Child Rights*](https://www.haqcrc.org/) *documents the police action against minors, the methods and patterns of violence inflicted, the various violations of national and international laws, and the inaction of human rights institutions. Based on fact-finding missions conducted across various districts in UP between 10 and 24 January, along with verified media accounts, this report records the testimonies of minor victims, witnesses, police officials, and photographic evidence of the abuses as well as cases police FIR.*

<https://thepolisproject.com/brutalising-inocence-testimonies-of-torture-and-police-violence-against-minors-by-up-police/#.X7uL9B17k_M>

**An Account of Fear & Impunity – A Preliminary Fact-Finding Report on Communally-Targeted Violence in NEW Delhi, February 2020**

*Youth for Human Rights YHRD gathered first-hand testimonies of violence struck individuals as well as other stakeholders*, *including relief volunteers, members of civil society organizations, legal representatives, health rights activists, media*, *and the local politicians and leaders. The Report that comprises both primary and secondary data is an attempt to provide a holistic picture of pre-and post- violence scenarios of the Delhi violence while highlighting the role of various stakeholders in abetting or stopping the same. The team particularly sought the help of young individuals from the community who have been involved in the relief and rescue work in order to meet the affected families without being intrusive in such traumatic times. Through them, the videos and pictures circulated among the community related to the recent violence have also been accessed. Names of the testimony providers have been consciously omitted or changed so as to protect their identities.*

<https://thepolisproject.com/an-account-of-fear-impunity-a-preliminary-fact-finding-report-on-communally-targeted-violence-in-ne-delhi-february-2020/#.X7uMaR17k_M>

**“Everyone Has Been Silenced,” Uttar Pradesh violence and its aftermath: A conversation with Dr. Sajjad Hassan.**

*Earlier this year, Citizens Against Hate (CAH), a Delhi based collective, published “Everyone has been Silenced,” a comprehensive report on UP violence and its aftermath. In this episode of The Polis Project Conversation Series, Suchitra Vijayan discusses the report and places the violence in the context of institutional bias against the Muslim community with Dr.Sajjad Hassan, who leads the Citizens Against Hate.*

<https://thepolisproject.com/everyone-has-been-silenced-uttar-pradesh-violence-and-its-aftermath-a-conversation-with-dr-sajjad-hassan/#.X7uNZB17k_M>

**Manufacturing Evidence: How the Police is framing and arresting constitutional rights defenders in India**

*The report, gathered by an international coalition of activists and human rights defenders, exposes the communal bias of the Indian Police and provides evidence of the Delhi Police’s (mis)conduct during the four days of violence. When Muslims under threat made distress calls to the Police — over 13,000 were registered in total — they largely went unanswered. When the Police did show up at attack sites, they hardly tried to prevent violence and in many instances just idly watched as Muslims were attacked.*

<https://thepolisproject.com/page/3/#.X7uNUh17k_M>

**In India, the otherization of Muslims mines citizenship at the foundations: of exclusion, excesses, and abdication**

*In December 2019, the Indian government passed a law that effectively seeks to render Indian Muslims stateless. The systematic exclusion of Muslims through such legislation cannot be seen in isolation but is the result of the protracted combination of deliberate executive actions with the silence of the Courts.*

<https://thepolisproject.com/in-india-the-otherization-of-muslims-mines-citizenship-at-the-foundations-of-exclusion-excesses-and-abdication/#.X7uPUR17k_M>

**CoronaJihad is only the latest manifestation: Islamophobia in India has been years in the making**

*India has seen a surge of anti-Muslim rhetoric amidst the pandemic but policies of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party-led government have opened the door for discrimination and mob violence against Muslims.*

<https://thepolisproject.com/coronajihad-is-only-the-latest-manifestation-islamophobia-in-india-has-been-years-in-the-making/#.X7uPXh17k_M>

**Violence after violence: The politics of narratives over the Delhi pogrom**

*The deadly violence in India’s capital last month hasn’t ended with the anti-Muslim pogrom that it was. It continues in the politics of being termed a riot, an old tactic of flattening the gigantic power inequality between the country’s Hindus and Muslims*

<https://thepolisproject.com/violence-after-violence-the-politics-of-narratives-over-the-delhi-pogrom/#.X7uP5x17k_M>

**The Indian Media is Blaming Muslims for the Coronavirus Pandemic**

*The disease has made a bad situation for India’s ethnic minorities worse*

<https://publicseminar.org/essays/the-indian-media-is-blaming-muslims-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

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