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BJP Win Spiked Targeted Violence in West Bengal

The very architecture of West Bengal, known for its harmony and religious diversity, is under threat. This documentation is an attempt to gauge the severity of this threat.

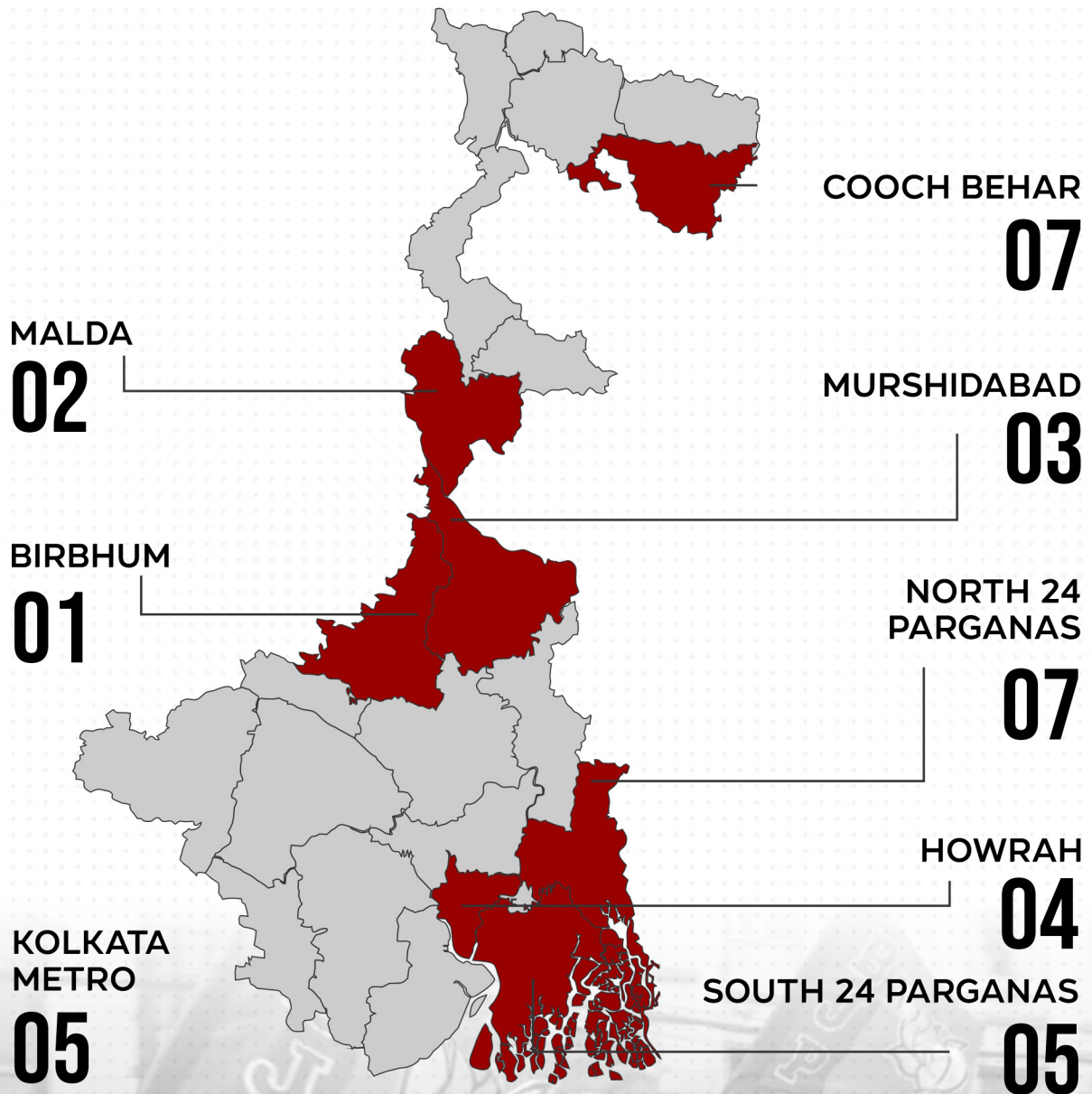
As the reporting from the state is heavily curbed, these incidents have been sourced from local sources. The incidents occurred between 4 May 2026 and 7 May 2026, starting as soon as the **results of the assembly elections** began to be announced.

34 incidents of violence were documented. A minimum of two people—one Hindu and one Muslim—died during this violence, while we estimate that at least **50 Muslims were affected**, physically or otherwise, and **54 properties were attacked**, physically or otherwise. The acts had common patterns and observed rhetoric during, preceding, and after acts of violence points to BJP. Besides Muslims, there were targeted attacks on Trinamool Congress properties and cattle markets.



Areas Affected

The incidents were widespread in the state, with only the most western areas of the state bordering Jharkhand remaining untouched, while the northern, eastern, and western areas bore the brunt. The spatiality of these incidents indicates an environment of hostility and not local anomalies.



Types of Violence

19 attacks on property. 14 acts of intimidation. 1 murder. 2 assaults, at least. These are broad numbers to categorize the violence. Most incidents were a mix of different types of hate crimes. Hence, many incidents were categorized and attributed to different hate crimes.

Category of Violence	No. of Incidents
Murder	1
Assault	2
Attack on Property	19
Intimidation	14
Economic Delimitation	10
Non-vegetarian Food (Sale/Consumption/Transport)	5
Demolition	4
Bulldozer Violence	3



Types of Properties Affected

A total of 19 incidents documented attacks on property. A close look at these attacks reveals that 54 properties were targets of these attacks. Muslim residences (17) were most attacked, followed by mosques (10), and Muslim commercial establishments (8). Although majority of these attacks targeted Muslims, people of other communities were also targeted, with at least 10 commercial establishments being attacked. A concentrated targeting was also done of Trinamool Congress offices and residences with 8 attacks, including the attacks on Muslim leaders of the party.

Types of Properties	No. of Incidents	No. of Properties
Muslim Residences	2	17
Mosque	8	10
Muslim Shops/Hotels	5	8
Other Commercial Establishments	4	7
Trinamool Congress Offices	2	3
Trinamool Congress Residences	2	3
Cattle Markets	3	3
Road/Institution Named After a Muslim	3	3





Detailed data of the incidents

Sr No	Incident	Location	District	Category of Violence	Type of Property Attacked
1	Muslim shops and residences attacked	Suri	Birbhum	Attack on Property, Economic Delimitation	Muslim Shops; Muslim Residences
2	3 Mosques attacked in Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar	Attack on Property	Mosque
3	Gosanimari mosque was attacked during a Jai Shri Ram procession	Gosanimari	Cooch Behar	Attack on Property, Intimidation	Mosque
4	Muslim leaders of Trinamool Congress and their residences attacked	Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar	Attack on Property	Residences of Trinamool Congress' Muslim Leaders
5	Shops and businesses vandalized	Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar	Attack on Property, Economic Delimitation	Shops; Businesses
6	15 Muslim residences were attacked and vandalized by a Hindu mob	Nandina and Abutra villages	Cooch Behar	Attack on Property	Muslim Residences
7	Processions featuring threats carried out	Cooch Behar	Cooch Behar	Intimidation	
8	One Muslim killed while protecting Gosanimari mosque	Gosanimari	Cooch Behar	Murder, Assault	
9	Imam assaulted	Birsibpur	Howrah	Assault	
10	Mosque attacked during clashed between BJP and Trinamool Congress	Birsibpur	Howrah	Attack on Property	Mosque
11	Muslim women prevented from wearing hijab	Azad Hind College, Domjur	Howrah	Intimidation	



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12	Threats against cattle markets have been issued, leading to closure of markets	Howrah	Howrah	Intimidation, Non-vegetarian Food (Sale/Consumption/ Transport), Economic Delimitation	Cattle Markets
13	Cattle Markets forcibly shut	Kolkata Metro	Kolkata Metro	Economic Delimitation, Non-vegetarian Food (Sale/Consumption/ Transport)	Cattle Markets
14	Hawkers attacked	Kolkata Metro	Kolkata Metro	Attack on Property	
15	BJP occupied Trinamool Congress offices	Kolkata Metro	Kolkata Metro	Attack on Property	Trinamool Congress Offices
16	Shops closed due to fear after Trinamool Congress minister organized resistance to illegal occupation of Trinamool Congress Offices by BJP	Kolkata Metro	Kolkata Metro	Intimidation, Economic Delimitation	Shops
17	Bulldozer processions led to demolition of Muslim owned meat shops, and vandalism of shops and business	Kolkata Metro	Kolkata Metro	Intimidation, Demolition, Bulldozer Violence, Non-vegetarian Food (Sale/Consumption/ Transport), Attack on Property, Economic Delimitation	Muslim-owned Meat Shops; Shops; Businesses
18	Attempts to rename "Sanaullah Mancha" for being a Muslim name	Malda	Malda	Intimidation	Road/Institution Named After a Muslim
19	Bulldozer processions organized	Malda	Malda	Intimidation, Bulldozer Violence	
20	Muslim shops vandalized	Berhampore	Murshidabad	Attack on Property, Economic Delimitation	Muslim Shops
21	Lalbagh Eidgah attacked, their barricades were demolished by miscreants associated with a BJP procession	Murshidabad	Murshidabad	Attack on Property, Demolition	Mosque



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22	Trinamool Congress offices were occupied	Jangipur	Murshidabad	Intimidation	Trinamool Congress Offices
23	Several Muslim hotels and meat shops attacked	Barasat	North 24 Parganas	Attack on Property, Non-vegetarian Food (Sale/Consumption/Transport), Economic Delimitation	Muslim Hotels; Meat Shops
24	Mosque attacked	Barasat	North 24 Parganas	Attack on Property	Mosque
25	Mosque of Jamaat-e-Islami attacked	North 24 Parganas	North 24 Parganas	Attack on Property	Mosque
26	Mosque attacked	Barasat	North 24 Parganas	Attack on Property	Mosque
27	Two Muslim owned hotels demolished	Barasat	North 24 Parganas	Demolition, Attack on Property, Economic Delimitation	Muslim Hotels
28	N Para Masjid Bari Road renamed Netaji Palli Road	North 24 Parganas	North 24 Parganas	Intimidation	Road/Institution Named After a Muslim
29	Sirajuddaula Udyan renamed Shivaji Udyan	North 24 Parganas	North 24 Parganas	Intimidation	Road/Institution Named After a Muslim
30	Mosque attacked; Repaired later	Raicha	South 24 Parganas	Attack on Property	Mosque
31	Houses and offices of Trinamool Congress attacked by bulldozers	South 24 Parganas	South 24 Parganas	Attack on Property, Demolition, Bulldozer Violence	Trinamool Congress Residences; Trinamool Congress Offices
32	BJP processions comprised of threats and abusive language carried out	South 24 Parganas	South 24 Parganas	Intimidation	
33	Processions against Jamaat carried out in different places, alleging that the organization had asked people to vote against BJP	South 24 Parganas	South 24 Parganas	Intimidation	
34	Threats against cattle markets and cattle slaughter were issued; Cattle markets forcibly closed	South 24 Parganas	South 24 Parganas	Intimidation, Non-vegetarian Food (Sale/Consumption/Transport), Economic Delimitation	Cattle Markets