

Kashipur SILENCED

punitive policing and the burden of dissent

Date of Incident: 21 September 2025

Location: Kashipur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand

Sources: FIR/Tahrir (Kotwali Kashipur), Fact-Finding Note, Media Reports



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INTRODUCTION

On September 21, 2025, a clash erupted in Kashipur, Uttarakhand, during an “I Love Mohammad” procession led by Nadeem Akhtar and others through the Alikhan area. While police claim the procession was unauthorized and involved 400-500 people who assaulted officers and damaged government vehicles, local residents assert that it was a peaceful religious procession where the police harassed and used physical force against minors who remained at the site. The incident resulted in the arrest of seven individuals, including Nadeem Akhtar, with FIRs filed against approximately 500 people. In the aftermath, authorities launched a coordinated crackdown exclusively targeting the Muslim-majority ward through bulldozer demolitions of 20-25 shops, forced installation of smart electricity meters, door-to-door ration card verification, house tax notices, and detention of children as young as 10-12 in juvenile facilities. Local residents described this systematic administrative action as the “Haldwani model” of collective punishment, referring to an incident from February 2024 where several people were killed in police firing during protests against the demolition of a mosque and madarsa in Haldwani, creating an atmosphere of fear where residents are afraid to speak to the media or pursue legal action.

FACT-FINDING:

According to eyewitnesses and community members, the procession led by Nadeem Akhtar and his companions on September 21, 2025, began peacefully from Mohalla Alikha. It moved toward Wasfodan intersection, similar to an earlier procession on 19 September which was also taken out peacefully and ended without incident. After the procession concluded, around 20–30 minor boys remained at the site when a '112' police vehicle (police patrol car) arrived, allegedly harassing them and conducting a lathi-charge while using derogatory language against them. This police action caused panic, leading to arguments from the boys, which escalated into clashes. Residents stress that the incident was spontaneous and limited to a few minor boys reacting to police harassment. Following this, authorities launched what locals describe as a deliberate form of collective punishment: bulldozers demolished 20–25 shutters and small stalls without notice, including vegetable vendors' counters; smart meters and new cable lines were forcibly installed; ration cards were checked door-to-door with threats of cancellation; and sudden house tax notices with strict deadlines were issued. These measures were concentrated only in their predominantly Muslim ward, while other areas remained untouched. Witnesses further report that police presence was intimidating and constant, preventing access to damaged shops, while officers patrolled continuously. Minors, some as young as 10–12, were detained, allegedly beaten in custody, and transferred to juvenile facilities in Rudrapur (Bal Sudhar Grah). Families revealed that children denied abuse before police but privately told parents they had been assaulted, deepening fear. This climate of intimidation has left residents paralysed; proof of demolitions and forced surveys exists, yet there is a climate of fear and intimidation created by the police to prevent people from coming forward to register any formal complaints. Meanwhile, arrests continue, including that of a boy involved in the incident and his father, exemplifying the broader pattern of detentions and intimidation.

FIRST INFORMATION REPORT (POLICE ACCOUNT)

According to the FIR lodged by SSI Anil Joshi, at around 09:40 AM, he received information from SI Manoj Dhoni that a procession of approximately 400–500 people, led by Nadeem Akhtar, Hanif Gandhi, and Danish Chaudhary, was being taken out in the Alikhan area without prior permission.

Attempts to stop and disperse the crowd at the Alikhan intersection reportedly failed, and the crowd proceeded towards Balmiki Basti. The FIR states that:

- Some processionists carried sticks.
- Police officers, including SI Manoj Dhoni, ASI Ajit Singh, HC Jagat Singh, Constable Devnath, and Constable Amardeep, were pushed, abused, and assaulted.
- SSI Anil Joshi was also allegedly beaten, abused, and obstructed in the discharge of official duty; his uniform insignia was torn.
- The Dial 112 vehicle (UK 01 GA-0336) sustained broken glass, and the police station vehicle (UK 07 GA-4524) had its glass and bonnet damaged.

The FIR is filed under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 121(1), 132, 221, 352, 351(2), 324(3) and 190 of the BNS against the procession leaders and approximately 500 unnamed individuals, alleging offences including assault, obstruction of duty, vandalism and others.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AFTER THE INCIDENT

In the immediate aftermath of the FIR against the procession, multiple administrative actions were reportedly taken in Kashipur. The timing of these actions, coming close together in the immediate aftermath of police action against the 'I Love Muhamad' procession in Kashipur, creates a strong suspicion that these actions were mala fide and punitive in nature:

- Bulldozer action: From September 22, 2025, District Magistrate Nitin Singh Bhadauriya oversaw an anti-encroachment drive in the Alikhan area; bulldozers demolished more than 200 illegal shops, residences, and commercial structures identified in coordination with revenue officials.
- Electricity Department: Officials replaced or altered electricity meters in homes and shops.
- District Development Authority: Threatened demolition of more than a dozen houses and shops for alleged illegal construction.
- Pollution Control Board: Issued dozens of challans and notices for non-compliance.
- Ration Card Verification: Government staff conducted door-to-door checks, warning that ration cards would be cancelled if papers or IDs were missing.
- Immediate Law Enforcement Response: Senior Superintendent of Police Manikant Mishra led the crackdown; seven people were arrested within 24 hours, and cases were filed against over 500 individuals (named and unnamed) with ten more detained for questioning. Overall, more than 100 people have been arrested or detained after the incident, with local residents stating that the majority were minors. Allegations include beatings in custody, forced confessions, and arbitrary arrests under the pretext of interrogation.
- Section 163 Implementation: Prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita were imposed to restrict gatherings; additional PAC and police units were deployed for heightened surveillance and area domination.
- Political Consequences: The Samajwadi Party expelled Nadeem Akhtar, its former mayoral candidate in Kashipur.

CONCLUSION

The Kashipur incident highlights a significant breakdown in trust between law enforcement and the local community. While the FIR alleges violence against police, local residents suggest that the altercation was limited in nature, taking place after the procession had already completed, and did not involve any violence by participants in the procession. Instead, they claim that the altercation was a result of **police provocation**, including unnecessary use of force and verbal abuse against minor boys. The FIR was followed by various administrative actions, including demolition of shops and issuing of challans for various municipal infractions in Muslim-majority areas of Kashipur, clearly suggesting a pattern of **collective punitive measures** being deployed by the district administration. These accounts from the residents of Kashipur, coupled with allegations of arbitrary arrests and custodial abuse, underline the urgent need for an impartial investigation and immediate steps for the safeguarding of fundamental rights.

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FIRST INFORMATION REPORT
(Under Section 173 B.N.S.S)प्रथम सूचना रिपोर्ट
(धारा 173 बी एन एस एस के तहत)

1. District (जिला): उधम सिंह नगर P.S. (थाना): काशीपुर Year (वर्ष): 2025
FIR No. (प्र.सू.रि. सं.): 0417 Date and Time of FIR (प्र.सू.रि. की दिनांक और समय):
22/09/2025 03:04 घंटे

S.No. (क्र.सं.)	Acts (अधिनियम)	Sections (धारा(एँ))
1	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	191(2)
2	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	191(3)
3	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	121(1)
4	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	132
5	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	221
6	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	352
7	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	351(2)
8	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	324(3)
9	भारतीय न्याय संहिता (बी एन एस), 2023	190

3. (a) Occurrence of offence (अपराध की घटना):
- Day (दिन): रविवार Date from (दिनांक से): 21/09/2025 Date To (दिनांक तक): 21/09/2025
- Time Period (समय अवधि): पहर 1 Time From (समय से): 00:00 बजे Time To (समय तक): 00:00 बजे
- (b)

S. No. (क्र.सं.)	Property Category (सम्पत्ति श्रेणी)	Property Type (सम्पत्ति के प्रकार)	Nature of Property (संपत्ति के प्रकार)	Description (विवरण)	Value (In Rs/-) (मूल्य (रु में))

10. Total value of property (In Rs/-) (सम्पत्ति का कुल मूल्य (रु में)):
11. Inquest Report / U.D. case No., if any (मृत्यु समीक्षा रिपोर्ट / यू.डी.प्रकरण सं., यदि कोई हो):

S. No. (क्र.सं.)	UIDB Number (यू.डी.प्रकरण सं.)

12. First Information contents (प्रथम सूचना तथ्य):

नकल तहरीर हिन्दी वादी टाइपशुदा दस्तखती -सेवा में, श्रीमान प्रभारी निरीक्षक महोदय, काशीपुर, जनपद उधम सिंह नगर/महोदय, निवेदन है कि दिनांक-21.09.2025 को समय करीब 09:40 बजे मुझ एसएसआई के पास चौकी प्रभारी बासफोडान एसआई मनोज धोनी का फोन आया कि अल्लो ख क्षेत्र में आई लव मोहम्मद के सम्बन्ध में बिना अनुमति के नदीम अखतर, हनीफ गांधी, दानिश चौधरी के नेतृत्व में करीब 4-5 सौ लोगों का एक जुलूस निकाल रहे हैं जिसे अल्लो ख चौकी पर रोक कर समझाने का प्रयास किया गया लेकिन नहीं मान रहे हैं बाल्मीकि बस्ती की तरफ बढ़ रहे हैं इस सूचना पर मुझ एसएसआई द्वारा रात्रि अधिकारी एसआई कपिल कम्बोज को मय आरक्षी गजेन्द्र व हेकानि अनिल मनराल के मय सरकारी वाहन के तहसील रोड पर तलब कर व हमराह लेकर बासफोडान चौकी होते हुए बल्मीकि बस्ती के पास पहुँचे ही थे कि देखा कि अल्लो ख की तरफ से करीब चार-पाँच सौ लोगों का एक झुण्ड एक जुलूस के रूप में बाल्मीकि बस्ती की तरफ आ रहा था कुछ लोगों के हाथ में लाठी डण्डे भी थे। जो एसआई मनोज धोनी व अपर उपनिरीक्षक अजीत सिंह, मुख्य आरक्षी जगत सिंह, आरक्षी देवनाथ, आरक्षी अमरदीप से उलझ रहे थे और धक्का मुक्की कर रहे थे, इस पर मुझ एसएसआई द्वारा सरकारी वाहन के लाउड हेल्पर से भीड को समझाने हुए कहा गया कि बिना अनुमति के जुलूस नहीं निकाल सकते हैं इसे यही तितर- बितर कर दे इतने में ही भीड द्वारा एसआई मनोज धोनी व हमराही पुलिस बल को घेर लिया और मारपीट गाली-गलौच शुरू कर दी, मेरे द्वारा हमराही पुलिस जनों को घिरता देखा मेरे द्वारा भी भीड को समझाने का प्रयास किया गया लेकिन भीड द्वारा एक राय होकर मेरे साथ भी लात पुरों से मारपीट कर गाली गलौच करते हुए सरकारी कार्य में बाधा उत्पन्न कर भय एवं आतंक का माहौल बनाया गया तथा मेरी घड़ी पर स्टार लगे फ्लैप भी फाड़ गया, उक्त घटनाक्रम के दौरान मॉके पर आगो डायल 112 वाहन संख्या यूके 01 जीए-0336 के सीसे लोड-फोड दिये, और थाने के सरकारी वाहन संख्या यूके 07 जीए-4524 के बोनट में भी लोड-फोड कर सरकारी सम्पत्ति को भी नुकसान पहुँचाया गया है। महोदय से निवेदन है कि नदीम अखतर, हनीफ गांधी, दानिश चौधरी व चार-पाँच सौ अन्य व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कानूनी कार्यवाही करने की कृपा करें। हस्ताक्षर अंग्रेजी अपठित 22/09/2025 (अनिल जोशी) वडनि कोतवाली काशीपुर। नोट - मे हेका0311 ना0पु0सत्यप्रकाश शाह प्रमाणित करता हूँ कि नकल तहरीर मुझ हेका0 द्वारा सीसीटीएनएस कक्ष में कम्प्यूटर पर शब्द व शब्द टाइप की गयी हूँ कोई भी शब्द घटाया बढ़ाया नहीं गया है मूल तहरीर संलग्न मूल एफ0आई0आर0 है ।

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