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THE NEW YORK TIMES INTERNATIONAL MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1992

Hindus Tear Down Mosque, Setting Off a Crisis in India

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India, to begin construction of a temple in the Hindu god Ram, also called Rama, and to destroy the mosque of Babar. Hindu fundamentalists say the mosque was built on a sacred Hindu site, the very spot where Ram was born.

The mosque has been an important holy site for Muslims since it was built in 1526 by the Emperor Babar, who led the Mogul conquest of India.

No longer in use

The mosque was no longer used for prayers, but Muslims had returned to religious courses of the building, fearing that this could lead to the displacement of Muslim workers throughout India.

India's Supreme Court ruled last week that there should be no construction of the temple.

Once more, Hindus and Muslims are in conflict.

Some of the Hindu protesters, which were to be built on the land acquired in part by the mosque, said that the mosque itself should remain undamaged.

Several Hindu religious leaders and the state government of Uttar Pradesh, which is run by the Hindu fundamentalist political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party, said at a news conference that they would carry the case to the Supreme Court.

As word of the mosque's demolition spread, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, who is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, said he would not interfere in the demolition of the mosque.

begin building an immense temple to Ram at precisely 12:28 P.M. today, a time deemed propitious by Hindu holy men.

The Hindus destroyed the mosque in a series of attacks and other holy buildings have been closed.

Throughout the week, a stream of violence erupted in the region, as a decision in Delhi in the past few weeks, at one point.

On Saturday, Hindu leaders decided to begin the temple's construction on a site in the city of Ayodhya, where the mosque was destroyed.

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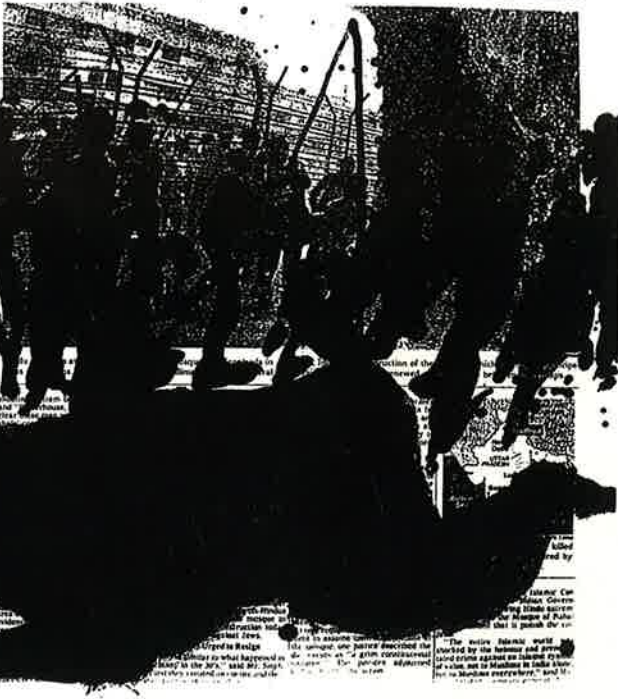
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