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**INDIA: CHANGE URGED FOR RIOT TRIALS**

Citing allegations of witness intimidation, the National Human Rights Commission asked the Supreme Court to order five high-profile trials involving the killing of more than 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, in sectarian riots in Gujarat last year moved to other parts of India. The petition came after a judge in Gujarat acquitted 21 Hindu men last month accused of burning 11 Muslims and 3 Hindu workers to death in a bakery during the riots. In that trial Muslim survivors of the attack unexpectedly recanted their testimony and said they could not identify the perpetrators. After the verdict, the witnesses said that two local politicians threatened them with violence and that they had changed their testimony out of fear. David Rohde (NYT)

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