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INDIA: STATE APPEALS HINDUS' ACQUITTAL

The government in Gujarat, tainted by allegations of abetting sectarian riots last year, appealed a court acquittal of 21 Hindus charged with burning 11 Muslims to death in the riots. In that trial, more than half of the 60 prosecution witnesses retracted statements they had made to the police identifying the killers. After the verdict, they said they had been threatened with violence.

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