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## Details:

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**The Pakistani army has already issued a strong statement against the verdict and in any country this would be regarded as contempt of court. As far as Musharraf's verdict is concerned, it is meaningless, as the same Pakistani courts allowed him to leave the country.**

### **Citizenship Act Protests: Three Dead and Thousands Held in India**

Three people have died in India and thousands have been detained amid demonstrations against a controversial new citizenship law. A protest ban has been imposed in parts of the capital Delhi and throughout the states of Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka. The new law offers citizenship to non-Muslim illegal immigrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Critics fear the law undermines India's secular constitution, and say faith should not be the basis of citizenship. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dismissed their concerns, and said the opposition had been spreading lies. There have been days of protests against the law. India's home minister has called a crisis meeting to discuss the demonstrations. Tens of thousands of people took to the streets in cities across the country

on Thursday, despite the police order based on a severely restrictive law which prohibits more than four people from gathering in a place. Two people died in the city of Mangalore after officers opened fire on demonstrators allegedly trying to set fire to a police station. Commissioner Dr PS Harsha told reporters that a curfew is in place in the city, and that he was waiting for a post mortem before announcing the cause of death for either man. Internet services have also been suspended in Mangalore for 48 hours. Another man also died in the city of Lucknow, where violent clashes between demonstrators and police earlier in the day saw vehicles set alight. More than a dozen officers were injured and 112 people were reportedly detained in the city. The law - known as the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) - offers amnesty to non-Muslim illegal immigrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. The federal government says this is to protect religious minorities fleeing persecution in the three Muslim-majority countries. But what has made the law especially controversial is that it comes in the wake of the government's plan to publish a nationwide register of citizens that it says will identify illegal immigrants - namely, anyone who doesn't have the documents to prove that their ancestors lived in India. A National Register of Citizens (NRC) - published in the north-eastern state of Assam - saw 1.9 million people effectively made stateless. Many Muslim citizens fear that they could be made stateless if they don't have the necessary documents; and critics also say the law is exclusionary and violates the secular principles enshrined in India's constitution. [Source: The BBC]

**Modi's Hindu nationalist agenda is making Muslims in India stateless citizens, so that they can be expelled from their country. And despite such provocative actions, Modi continues to be courted by Muslim leaders for business and trade.**

### **Mike Pompeo Backs Arsenal Star Mesut Ozil in China Row over Muslim Uyghur Minority**

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has backed Arsenal soccer star Mesut Ozil in condemning China's treatment of its Muslim Uyghur minority. The US State Department has said that for the last two-and-a-half years, China has detained up to 2 million Uyghurs, a predominantly Muslim ethnic minority, in what some describe as internment camps. Ozil, who is a Muslim, was highly critical of the Chinese regime on social media, but was met with scorn from China while the country's state media pulled coverage of Arsenal's English Premier League game against Manchester City Sunday. China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang also accused Ozil of being "blinded by some fake news and influenced by some false words." Arsenal distanced itself from Ozil's comments, but Pompeo tweeted his support for the under fire star Tuesday. "China's Communist Party [CCP] propaganda outlets can censor @MesutOzil1088 and @Arsenal's games all season long, but the truth will prevail," tweeted Pompeo. "The CCP can't hide its gross #HumanRights violations perpetrated against Uighurs and other religious faiths from the world." China had invited Ozil to visit Xinjiang to "distinguish right from wrong" after his social media messages. "(In China) Qurans are burned, mosques were closed down, Islamic theological schools, madrasas were banned, religious scholars were killed one by one. Despite all this, Muslims stay quiet," Ozil said in a post on both Twitter and Instagram. Allegations of abuse are rampant, including in firsthand accounts given to CNN describing torture and forced political re-education under the threat of violence. [ Source: CNN]

**Ozil's comments were spot on and demonstrated two things. First, the impotency in the Muslim world to defend the rights of their brothers and sisters has turned feeble nations into strong advocates of suppressing Muslim populations at home. Second, the enemies of Muslims are using China's persecution of Uyghurs to undermine China and not to help Muslims. America's past track record of invading Muslim countries clearly supports this fact.**