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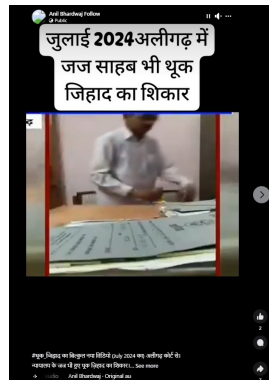
VERDICT: FAKE NEWS

Query News Sample

"A brand new video of spit jihad (of July 2024) from Aligarh Court.Even the judges of the court became victims of spit jihad.Recently, SC judge said that Muslims maintain International Standards"

Top Visual Evidence

"UP court staffer Vikas Gupta spitting into glass of water: 2018 video shared with 'thook jihad' claims - Alt News"

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Final Unified Reasoning

- Detailed Reasoning:

The overwhelming evidence points towards the news post being FAKE. The strongest indicator is **Evidence 3 (Web Search)**, which assigns a low support score of -20.0, indicating a strong refutation of the claim. This means multiple credible sources contradict the narrative presented in the post.

- Arguments FOR FAKE classification:

- **Strong Web-Based Refutation (Evidence 3):** The low support score from web search is the most decisive factor. It demonstrates that the claim of "spit jihad" and the implication of judges being victims is not supported by factual reporting.

- **Image-Image Analysis (Evidence 2):** While the images do depict the same event (a man spitting into a glass of water), the accompanying text in the evidence image explicitly labels it as a fact-check, suggesting the original claim is misleading. This reinforces the idea that the post is attempting to misrepresent a situation.

- **Sentiment and Event Mismatch (Evidence 1):** The text's inflammatory language and accusatory tone are not reflected in the image, which shows a neutral scene. The described "spit jihad" event is not visually present, creating a significant disconnect between the text and the image.

- Arguments AGAINST FAKE classification (and why they are weaker):

- **Entity Alignment (Evidence 1 & 2):** Both the image and the text, and the image and the evidence image, correctly identify the individual involved (Vikas Gupta, a UP Court Staffer). However, correctly identifying the person doesn't validate the false claim being made about that person. The fact that the person is correctly identified doesn't make the narrative true.

Given the strong refutation from web searches, the fact-check context in the evidence image, and the significant mismatch between the text's inflammatory claims and the image's neutral depiction, the classification of FAKE is highly justified.

- Confidence Level: High

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Image vs. Text Analysis (Query)

Okay, let's break down this news sample with the requested 4-step analysis.

- STEP 1: Sentiment Alignment
- **Text Sentiment**: The text expresses a highly negative sentiment. It uses inflammatory language ("spit jihad"), implies victimization, and appears to be promoting a divisive narrative. The tone is accusatory and potentially hateful.
- **Image Sentiment**: The image shows a person (likely a judge) sitting at a desk with papers. The person appears to be looking down, and the overall scene is relatively neutral in terms of emotion. There's no obvious visual indication of anger, distress, or violence.
- **Comparison**: Sentiment Mismatch
- **Reasoning**: The text is overtly negative and accusatory, while the image presents a calm, neutral scene. The emotional tone of the text is not reflected in the image.

- STEP 2: Entity Consistency
- **Text Entities**:
- Aligarh Court (Location)
- Judges (Role/Group)
- SC Judge (Specific Role)
- Muslims (Group)
- **Image Entities**:
- The image shows a person who appears to be a judge, sitting at a desk in what could be a courtroom setting. This aligns with "Aligarh Court" and "Judges."
- **Comparison**: Entities Aligned
- **Reasoning**: The image visually represents the key entities mentioned in the text: a judge and a courtroom setting. However, it does not depict "Muslims" as a group.

- STEP 3: Event/Action Consistency
- **Text Event/Action**: The text describes an event called "spit jihad," where judges are allegedly victims. It implies a targeted attack or harassment.
- **Image Depiction**: The image shows a person sitting at a desk, seemingly reviewing documents. There is no visible action or event depicted that relates to "spit jihad" or any form of attack.
- **Comparison**: Event/Action Mismatch
- **Reasoning**: The text describes a specific, aggressive event ("spit jihad"), but the image shows a mundane, everyday activity (a person at a desk). There is no visual representation of the alleged event.

- STEP 4: Final Judgment
- **Judgment**: FAKE
- **Brief Reasoning**: The most significant factor in this judgment is the Event/Action Mismatch . The

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text describes a violent and targeted event, while the image shows a completely unrelated, neutral scene. The Sentiment Mismatch further reinforces this assessment. The image is being used to deceptively represent a narrative that is not visually supported. The text's inflammatory language and the lack of any corresponding visual evidence strongly suggest a fabricated or misleading pairing.

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Query Image vs. Evidence Image Analysis

Okay, let's analyze the two images step-by-step.
- STEP 1: Sentiment Alignment
- **Image 1 Sentiment**: The text in Image 1 ("Thook Jihad") and the overall presentation suggest a negative and accusatory sentiment. The use of the term "Jihad" in this context implies a negative connotation and potentially incites anger or outrage.
- **Image 2 Sentiment**: Image 2 shows a video of a man spitting into a glass of water, with a "fact check" label. The presence of the fact-check label suggests a critical and potentially skeptical sentiment towards the original claim.
- **Comparison**: Sentiment Mismatch
- **Reasoning**: Image 1 presents the event with a highly charged, accusatory tone, while Image 2 presents it with a more neutral and critical tone, indicating a fact-check and potential debunking.

- STEP 2: Entity Consistency
- **Entities in Image 1**: The text mentions "Vikas Gupta" and "UP Court Staffer." The image shows a man who appears to be the person in question.
- **Entities in Image 2**: The text in Image 2 explicitly identifies the person as "UP COURT STAFFER VIKAS GUPTA." The video shows the same man.
- **Comparison**: Entities Aligned
- **Reasoning**: Both images clearly identify the same individual, Vikas Gupta, as a UP Court Staffer.

- STEP 3: Event/Action Consistency
- **Event/Action in Image 1**: The query image depicts a man spitting into a glass of water, with the accompanying text suggesting this is part of a "Thook Jihad."
- **Event/Action in Image 2**: The evidence image shows a video of the same man spitting into a glass of water.
- **Comparison**: Event/Action Aligned
- **Reasoning**: Both images show the same action: a man spitting into a glass of water.

- STEP 4: Final Judgment
- **Judgment**: FAKE
- **Brief Reasoning**: While the event/action and entities are aligned between the two images, the sentiment mismatch is significant. Image 1 presents the event with a misleading and inflammatory label ("Thook Jihad"), while Image 2 indicates a fact-check and suggests the claim is potentially false. The fact-check label in Image 2 strongly suggests the original claim is misleading, making the pairing overall misleading.

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Text vs. Text Factual Consistency Analysis

Evidence Snippet #1

Factual Score: -1

Rationale: Sentence A claims a 'spit jihad' incident occurred in July 2024 in Aligarh Court, with judges as victims, and references a Supreme Court judge's statement about Muslims. Sentence B is from Alt News, a fact-checking website, and explicitly debunks claims of 'thook jihad' by sharing a 2018 video of a court staffer spitting into a glass of water. This directly contradicts the claim in Sentence A, indicating it is false.

Evidence Snippet #2

Factual Score: -1

Rationale: Sentence A makes a claim about a 'spit jihad' event in Aligarh Court in July 2024, involving judges as victims, and references a Supreme Court judge's statement about Muslims. Sentence B is from The Wire, a news website, and the title 'Thook Jihad? No...' indicates it is debunking the claim of 'spit jihad'. Therefore, Sentence B explicitly debunks the claim made in Sentence A.

Evidence Snippet #3

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes an event called 'spit jihad' targeting judges in Aligarh Court, referencing a video from July 2024 and a statement by a Supreme Court judge about Muslims. Sentence B discusses a Congress MLA's speech and accusations of inciting riots and exiling Hindus from Mewat. These are distinct events and locations, referring to different facts.

Evidence Snippet #4

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes an event called 'spit jihad' targeting judges in Aligarh Court, and references a Supreme Court judge's statement about Muslims. Sentence B describes an incident of Muslims being beaten and humiliated by Hindu mobs. These are different events

and do not describe the same real-world situation.

Evidence Snippet #5

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes a specific event ('spit jihad') involving a video from Aligarh Court and judges being targeted, along with a quote from a Supreme Court judge about Muslims. Sentence B discusses caste divisions within the Muslim community. These are different topics and do not describe the same real-world situation.

Evidence Snippet #6

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes a video of 'spit jihad' targeting judges in Aligarh Court, and a Supreme Court judge's statement about Muslims. Sentence B describes young Muslim children being trained to hate and kill Hindus. These are distinct claims about different events and do not share the same factual content.

Evidence Snippet #7

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes a video depicting 'spit jihad' targeting judges in Aligarh Court, referencing a Supreme Court judge's statement about Muslims. Sentence B refers to 'Securitization of Love Jihad,' which is a different topic. They do not describe the same real-world situation.

Evidence Snippet #8

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes an event called 'spit jihad' targeting judges in Aligarh Court in July 2024, and references a statement by a Supreme Court judge about Muslims. Sentence B discusses the process of impeaching judges in India. These are distinct topics and do not describe the same real-world situation.

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Text vs. Text Analysis (cont.)

Evidence Snippet #9

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes a video depicting 'spit jihad' targeting judges at an Aligarh Court in July 2024, and references a statement by a Supreme Court judge about Muslims maintaining 'International Standards.' Sentence B refers to a legal question regarding the minority status of Aligarh Muslim University before the Supreme Court. These are distinct topics and do not describe the same real-world situation.

Evidence Snippet #10

Factual Score: 0

Rationale: Sentence A describes a specific incident of 'spit jihad' targeting judges at an Aligarh Court in July 2024, and includes a claim about a Supreme Court judge's statement regarding Muslims. Sentence B refers to a report on violence against Muslims in India. These are different topics and do not describe the same real-world situation.