Analysis of a website taken down on claims of instigating violence

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In India, an average of 87 rape cases are reported daily

- India is ranked as the most dangerous country for women
- In 2019, 32,033 rape cases were registered in India
- In 2019, Uttar Pradesh recorded a total of 59,835 cases of violence against women.
- Conviction rate of rape cases: 27.8%
- Specifically, dalit (untouchables) women in India face higher risk of gender and caste based violence
- At least 10 Dalit women are raped every day

Police faces backlash from the public

- It is difficult for a women to file a complaint in India, for Dalit (untouchable) women it is much harder.
- Police are slow to register complaints
- In the case of Dalit women investigations are delayed
- Sometimes, police are involved in crime against Dalit (untouchable) women

https://www.dw.com/en/why-indias-dalit-women-are-vulnerable-to-sexual-violence/a-55423556

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-sees-88-rape-cases-a-day-but-conviction-rate-below-30/articleshow/78526440.cms https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/opinion-how-caste-and-gender-are-intertwined-violence-against-dalit-women-135025

Website created for justice for Hathras rape victim was labelled to be instigating violence by the OpIndia

Right-wing news portal Ruling party in Uttar Pradesh Government in India is also right-wing

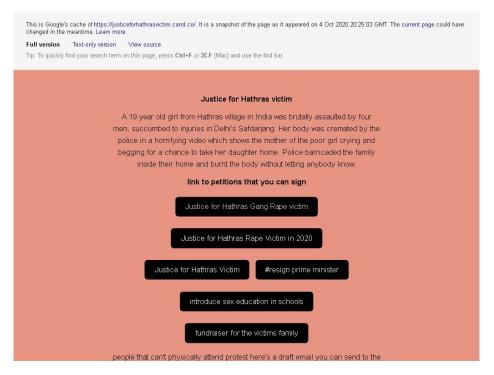


OpIndia article which claims the Carrd website instigated violence

https://web.archive.org/web/20201007042015/https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/justice-for-hathras-victim-carrd-website-pulled-down-instigate-violence-reports/

What was this website?

In October 2020, https://justiceforhathrasvictim .carrd.co/ was taken down 5 days after it was created

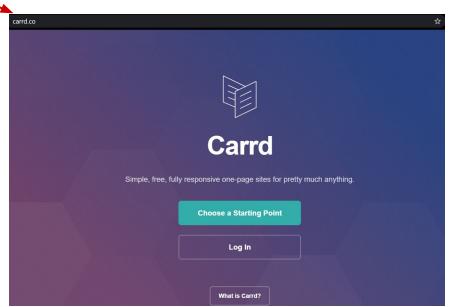


The police claimed that the website instigated violence

Platform used to host one page responsive websites

What is Carrd?

Requirements to host a site are having an email address.



The creator is based in Tennessee, USA (Twitter: @ajlkn)

https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/08/27/1007714/carrd-internet-of-protest-is-being-built-on-one-shot-websites/#:~:text=Along%20with%20better%2Dknown%20tools,process%20o f%20creating%20web%20pages.

https://carrd.co/

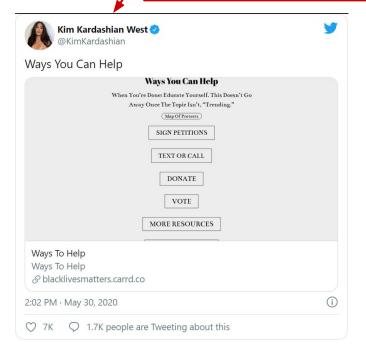
https://themakingof.carrd.co/

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Internet Activism

These social justice related cards are being shared on social platforms like Twitter.





https://rb.gy/mbdema https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/

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Why was https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/ created?

The website was created to hold protests against the recent gang rape and murder case in India.

On 14 September 2020, a 19 year old was raped in Hathras (Uttar Pradesh), India.

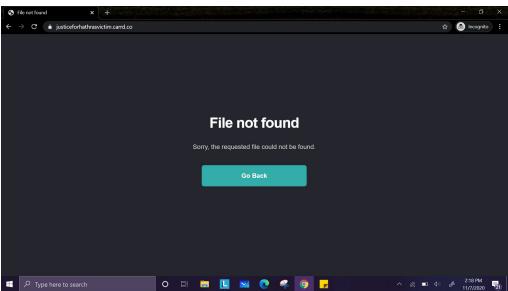
The victim passed away two weeks after the incident.

The victim was cremated on 29 September 2020 by the Uttar Pradesh Police (India) without the consent or knowledge of the victim's family.

https://www.shethepeople.tv/news/10-things-to-know-about-the-hathras-gang-rape-case/https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Hathras_gang_rape_and_murder

https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co

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> curl -TLs
https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/
HTTP/2 404
date: Sat, 07 Nov 2020 19:21:09 GMT
content-type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
set-cookie:
 cfduid=d7e5307f1384c0db1c6ce581f9c569cb21604776
869; expires=Mon, 07-Dec-20 19:21:09 GMT; path=/;
domain=.carrd.co; HttpOnly; SameSite=Lax
cf-cache-status: DYNAMIC
cf-request-id: 0645c0d52f0000cee0670e300000001
expect-ct: max-age=604800,
report-uri="https://report-uri.cloudflare.com/cdn
-cqi/beacon/expect-ct"
set-cookie:
cflb=0H28unazevof7rv9ZiK1Lx6XDsNFxapSMcS2qLEE3b
T; SameSite=Lax; path=/; expires=Sat, 07-Nov-20
19:51:09 GMT; HttpOnly
server: cloudflare
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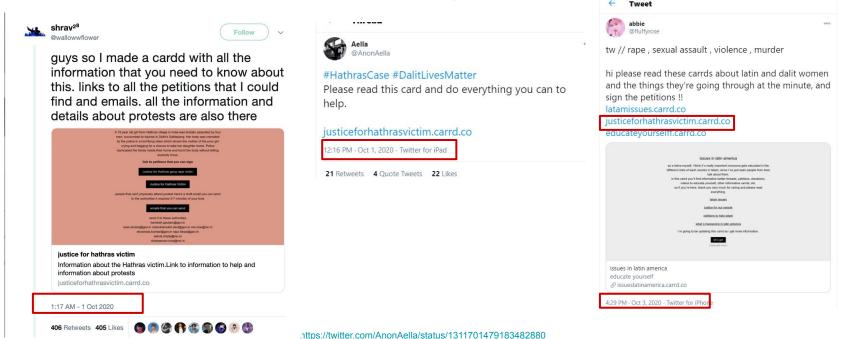


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16 mementos were found using memgator

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> curl -s http://memgator.cs.odu.edu/timemap/link/https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/ | grep datetime |
awk '{print $1}' | awk -v FS=/ '{print $3}' | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr
              14 web.archive.org
                  5 archive.md
> curl -s http://memgator.cs.odu.edu/timemap/link/https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/ | grep memento |
head -n 5
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Oct 2020 07:14:45 GMT",
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Oct 2020 00:28:01 GMT",
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Estimated creation date of the Carrd website based on the tweets shared is October 1st, 2020



https://twitter.com/fluffvrose/status/1312490035174809600https://twitter.com/Vedic Revival/status/1312992239384236032

https://web.archive.org/web/20201007042015/https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/justice-for-hathras-victim-carrd-website-pulled-down-instigate-violence-reports/

The first memento is from 2020-10-05

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Carbon dating the website
> carbondate https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/
  "self": "http://carbondate.cs.odu.edu/cd/https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/",
  "uri": "https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/",
  "estimated-creation-date": "2020-10-05T06:51
  "earliest-sources": [
    "archive.md"
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      "memento-datetime": "2020-10-05T06:51:19"
      "memento-pubdate": "2020-1
      "earliest": "2020-10-05T06:51:19"
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                                         b/20201006124530/https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/",
      "memento-datetime":
                        "2020-10-06T12:45:30"
      "memento-pubdate":
      "earliest": "2020-10-06T12:45:30"
  "self": "http://carbondate.cs.odu.edu/cd/https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/",
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Estimated creation date: 2020-10-05.

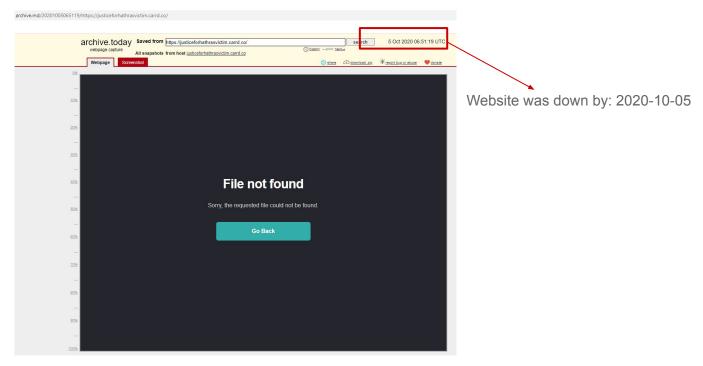
Second memento: 2020-10-06

There are 5 mementos in archive.is



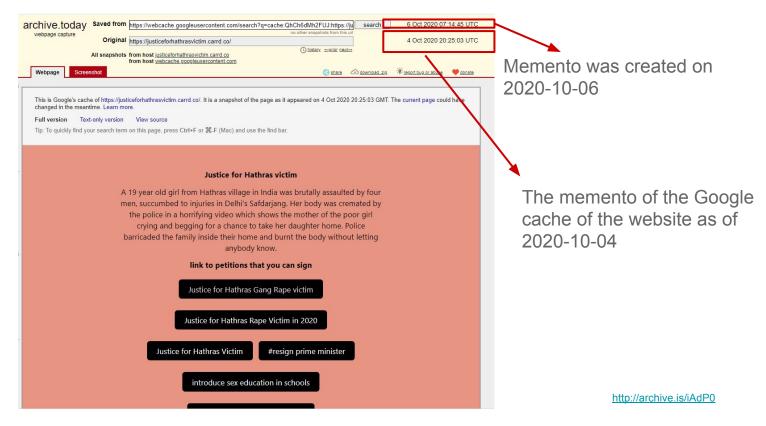
2 mementos show the actual website https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/

The first memento was created after the website was taken down

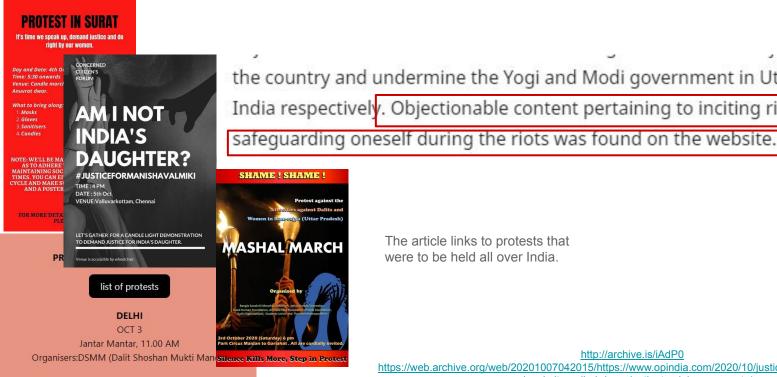


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Memento of the website



OpIndia article states the website incites riots



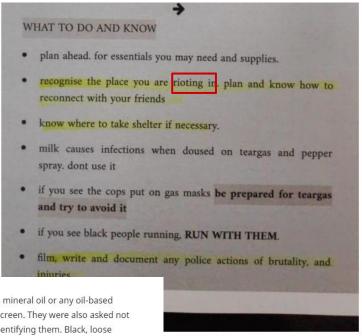
the country and undermine the Yogi and Modi government in Uttar Pradesh and India respectively. Objectionable content pertaining to inciting riots and

> The article links to protests that were to be held all over India

> > http://archive.is/iAdP0

https://web.archive.org/web/20201007042015/https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/justice-for-hathras-victim-ca rrd-website-pulled-down-instigate-violence-reports/

Could not find the word riot in the memento



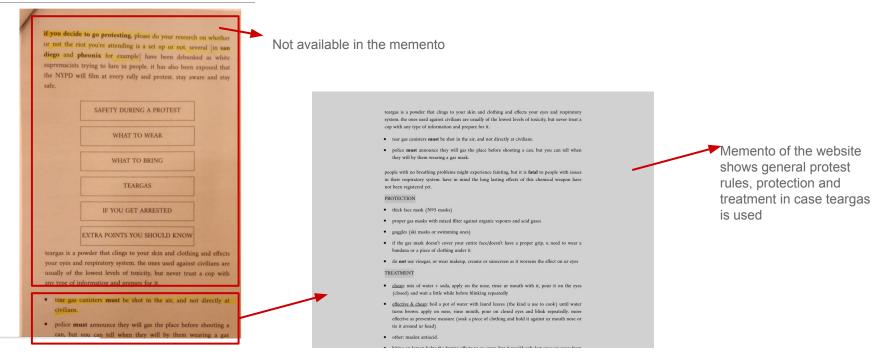
The OpIndia article shares an image from https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/

Rioters were specifically asked to not put vaseline, mineral oil or any oil-based sunscreen that could trap the chemicals on their screen. They were also asked not to wear branded clothes that could aid police in identifying them. Black, loose clothes were recommended that would make it difficult for the police to recognise them.

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https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/justice-for-hathras-victim-carrd-website-p ulled-down-instigate-violence-reports/ https://archive.is/5ZH7V

Image shared by the OpIndia article was not available in the memento

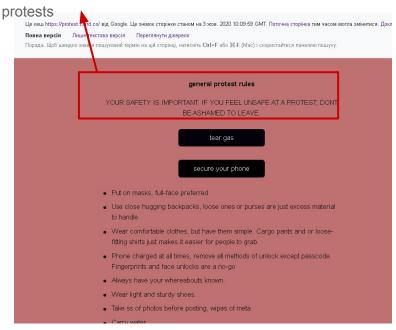


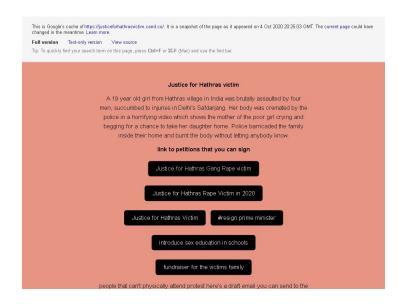
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The justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co shared general protest

rules

Asks people to leave if not comfortable with the





Shares links to protests, protest rules, safety guidelines and different petitions

https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/justice-for-hathras-victim-carrd-website-pulled-down-instigate-violence-reports/ https://archive.is/5ZH7V

OpIndia article associates the Carrd website to Amnesty International

'Justice for Hathras' website springs up overnight

A day after the Hathras victim breathed her last, a website called 'Justice for Hathras' was created and thousands of people were linked to the website through fake IDs. According to the probe, the website had received funding from Amnesty International, Fundamentalist organisations based out of Islamic Countries. The objective of the website was to create a wedge between the majority community in the country and undermine the Yogi and Modi government in Uttar Pradesh and India respectively. Objectionable content pertaining to inciting riots and

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people who take injustice personally. We are campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all.

We are funded by members and people like you. We are independent of any political ideology, economic interest or religion. No government is beyond scrutiny. No situation is beyond hope.

Few would have predicted when we started that torturers would become international outlaws. That most countries would abolish the death penalty. And seemingly untouchable dictators would be made to answer for their crimes.



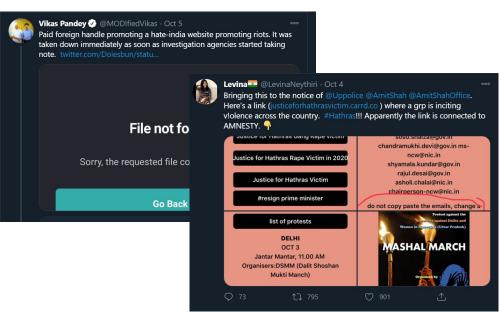
Based out of United Kingdom, claims to be independent of any religion.

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https://amnesty.org.in/support-indias-most-vulnerable-fight-covid-19-a-list-of-fundraisers-you-can-donate-to/

General public on Twitter was for and against the https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/





Tweets in support of the Carrd

Tweets targeting the justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/

https://twitter.com/search?q=justiceforhathrasvictim:carrd.co%2F&src=typed_query

The alleged creator of the website deletes their Twitter account

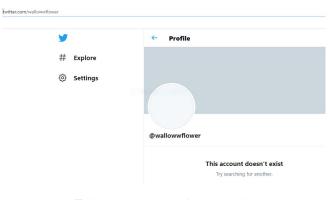
guys so I made a cardd with all the information that you need to know about this. links to all the petitions that I could find and emails. all the information and details about protests are also there



Twitter user claims to create the website 10-01-2020



The account's tweet were protected according to the memento 10-05-2020



Twitter account no longer exists

https://web.archive.org/web/20201007042015/https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/justice-for-hathras-victim-carrd-website-pulled-down-instigate-violence-reports/
https://archive.is/UvRxR https://web.archive.org/web/20201006172036/https://twitter.com/Vedic_Revival/status/1312987858614071296
https://twitter.com/wallowwflower

How was the website taken down?

UP Police files an FIR for conspiring to instigate riots in the state

After it came to light that a global conspiracy is being hatched to incite riots in Uttar Pradesh under the pretext of carrying out protests over Hathras incident, the UP

Police has registered a case of conspiracy to stoke riots in Hathras.

Considers the website creation to be a global conspiracy

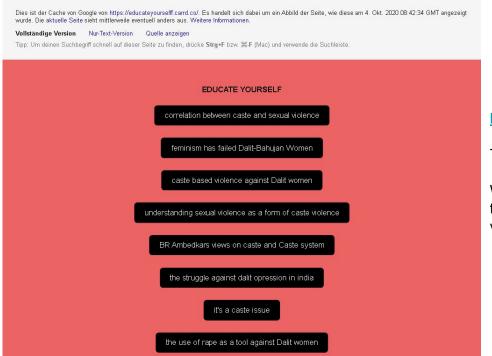
Justice for Hathras victim Carrd website

Hours after the probe was initiated, the website was shut down suddenly. The Carrd website was created as a free one-page landing website on the host, carrd.co. The website became popular in America during the Black Lives Matter protests earlier this year. Since the website did not have any registered domain, it is little difficult to track it down.

The OpIndia article does not mention that the website was taken down by the government, an FIR was lodged against an unidentified person, this could be the reason for the take down.

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The https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co website links to another Carrd



https://educateyourselff.carrd.co/

This website doesn't exist anymore

Website linked to different articles that discuss the issue of caste based violence

https://archive.is/Uft



Summary

- The justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/ had an estimated lifespan of 5 days.
- The first memento was created after the website was taken down.
- A memento was created of the Google cache of the website.
- The website shared protest rules, posters, general protest instructions, petitions and articles about caste based violence in India
- The OpIndia article probably fabricated evidence and had a political bias.
- Tweets regarding the https://justiceforhathrasvictim.carrd.co/ were divided