

Daylight attack with iron rods killed college student Nido Tania

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New Delhi: Nido Tania, a college student, died of severe lung and brain injuries from an attack inflicted upon him in a South Delhi market. The murder of the 20-year-old, who was from Arunachal Pradesh, has led to a national debate on discrimination against Indians from the North East.

A post-mortem report was submitted today by the Delhi Police to the Delhi High Court, which intervened of its own accord last week in the case and sought an update on the investigation.

The judges who are hearing the case have asked the union government to submit by tomorrow a set of guidelines explaining how it plans to make North-Easterners in the capital more secure.

Last week, as activists and students expressed their anger and outrage over Nido's death with candle-light vigils, they were joined on different days by Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Nido was beaten with iron rods and sticks after a fight with a shopkeeper and other men in South Delhi's Lajpat Nagar market on January 29. Nido's friends and family say the men shouted racial slurs at him and made fun of his dyed blonde hair.

Nido then broke a glass counter in retaliation, and a full-scale fight erupted.

The police allegedly negotiated a settlement and Nido returned to his sister's home in Delhi, where he was found dead in his bed the next morning.

Three people have been arrested, including the shopkeeper; they will now be charged with murder.

Politicians across parties have condemned his death and vowed to work with activists and students from the North East to address their recurring concerns of being racially targeted in Delhi and other cities.