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Supreme Court Demands Specifics Before Denying UAPA Accused Access to Witness Testimonies

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In a decision that strikes at the heart of due process, the Supreme Court has ruled that courts cannot impose sweeping secrecy over witness statements in Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) trials without carefully assessing the individual risks to each witness. Simply put, there's no room for blanket bans when the stakes include a fair trial. The ruling came in a case where an accused, charged under anti-terror laws and...

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