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High Court Upholds FIR Against Samajwadi MP Amid Communal Tensions

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The Allahabad High Court has refused to quash the first information report (FIR) against Zia-ur-Rehman Barq, a Samajwadi Party MP, tied to the unrest in Sambhal following a controversial court-ordered mosque survey. A bench of Justices Rajiv Gupta and Mohd Azhar Husain Idrisi dismissed Barq's petition, citing precedents from the Supreme Court that uphold the validity of FIRs disclosing prima facie evidence of cognizable offenses. The court underscored that if...

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