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Supreme Court Cracks Down on India's Illegal Arms Trade with State-Level Oversight

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Amid rising concerns over unlicensed arms factories and lax enforcement, the Supreme Court of India has taken a bold step to curb illegal weapons by ordering each state and Union Territory to establish specialized committees. This directive follows the Court's alarm over "factories" and "workshops" manufacturing illegal arms, which fuel societal and state-level crimes. Criticizing what it called a "lackadaisical approach" in implementing the Arms Act of 1959 and the...

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