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Supreme Court Cuts Gang-Rape Convict's Life Term to 20 Years, Citing Youth and Scope for Reform

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The Supreme Court has reduced the sentence of a gang-rape convict from imprisonment for the remainder of his natural life to a minimum of 20 years, holding that his young age, clean criminal record and the possibility of rehabilitation were relevant factors in determining the punishment. A bench of Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Augustine George Masih, while upholding the conviction, said sentencing must strike a careful balance between the...



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