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The demolitions took place in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. Police also shot dead two teenage Muslim protesters. Hundreds of Muslims have been arrested.

Indian journalist Rana Ayyub tweeted: "The Modi government has never sent a more chilling message to its Muslim minorities. Speak up, protest and you will be jailed, booked for terrorism, your houses demolished, shot in public with no semblance of law and judiciary."

A number of Muslim countries have also lodged protests over India's treatment of its Muslim population and recent statements by Hindu officials insulting the Prophet Muhammad.

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