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« Narendra Modi Looks the Other Way as New Delhi Burns » BY [RANA AYYUB](#), TIME

1. Comprehension

- 1) Read the article and explain what the Bharatya Janata Party politics are based on regarding Muslims in India and how they have delivered up to now. (100 words)
- 2) The journalist herself conjures up memories of what happened to her personally as a Muslim in India. Pick out as much information as you can in the article and tell her story. (100 words)
- 3) The journalist criticizes Narendra Modi, the PM of India, for his dealing with the crisis. What does she blame him for ? (100 words)

2. Essay (200 words)

Populism has become rampant in many democracies. How do you account for this ?

14. Translation (from line 41 to 57)

The hatred is plain to see among Modi's chief lieutenants. This week while Trump and Modi addressed a million strong audience in Ahmedabad, his minister for Corporate Affairs, Anurag Thakur sat in the front row along with Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner. Four weeks ago, Thakur addressed a rally on the topic of the nationwide protests by Muslims. *Desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maaro saalon ko*, he said. ("Traitors of the country, shoot them") [...]

The anti-Muslim pogrom in the national capital was inevitable. Muslims in India have been waiting for it to happen. I myself am a child of the Mumbai riots unleashed by Modi's party, the BJP, in 1992. I was nine, a cripple, when Hindu nationalists came home with swords to select me and my sister for gang rape. We survived when our Sikh neighbour came to our rescue.

For decades I have been under treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. [...] But I am a privileged Muslim from an upper middle class family, with access to therapists and the best medical facilities. Those killed and injured in Delhi come from the lower socio-economic strata where therapy and psychological care is a luxury they cannot afford.

As I write, [...] Modi is yet to visit the families of those who bore the brunt of his political animus and shall continue to live in fear. He is yet to announce compensation for the families who have lost their loved ones and their livelihood burnt to ashes. Now, hundreds of Muslim families are leaving New Delhi for safer cities fearing another attack as Modi's ministers continue to make hate speeches.