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A Muslim woman who recanted her testimony that Hindu neighbors burned members of her family said threats from Hindu nationalist politicians in Gujarat caused her and her family to change their testimony, an allegation denied by those accused. The woman, Zahira Sheikh, 20, was the key witness in a trial of 21 Hindus accused of burning 14 people alive in March 2002 during riots that killed 1,000 people, most of them Muslims. After the recantations, all 21 were acquitted. Hari Kumar

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