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## **CM abused Jafri: Gulbarg witness**

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Pathan has described how his family members and neighbours were butchered and women raped before his eyes. The witness lost six members of his family, including his mother. And during his deposition, he identified nearly 20 accused from 63 present in the court.

Pathan also described how police commissioner PC Pande visited the place before violence started and how police did not bother to visit this colony in Meghaninagar area when its residents were being killed.

However, Pathan claimed ignorance about the gun Jafri had and whether he had fired from it, killing people in the mob. During his cross-examination, Pathan even denied having filed the second statement of September 14, 2008, before the special investigating team set up for the probe by Supreme Court. He stood by the first statement given on May 22 last year, during the cross-examination that ended on Wednesday.

During this deposition, special judge BU Joshi took notice of presence of social activist Teesta Setalvad and retired director general of police RB Sreekumar after some accused protested their presence in court.

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'Jafri said he had called Modi'

Witness in Gulberg case deposes before court

Roshan Kumar

Imitiaz Khan Pathan, a witness in the Gulberg Society massacre has deposed before the court of judge BU Joshi that on the day of incident on February 28, 2002 he had come to know from former Congress MP Ehsan Jafri that the latter had made a call to chief minister Narendra Modi seeking help. Pathan said that Jafri told him that Modi not only failed to help him but also used harsh words against him. Pathan had deposed before the court on November 2.

According to assistant public prosecutor, Naina Bhatt Pathan also said that he had identified 21 accused including then Meghaninagar PI KJ Erda, VHP leader Dr Atul and others. Imitiaz, whose grandfather Anwar Khan Pathan was killed by rioters, has also deposed before the court about the part played by the accused in killing his grandfather. The three accused also allegedly raped and killed his sister-in-law (bhabhi) Sajida Bano and another woman.

The deposition of Imitiaz Khan Pathan assumes importance as charges were framed against accused in the Gulberg Society massacre recently. Imitiaz told the court about

the police's lackadaisical approach as they failed to file a complaint as per their statements.

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Imtiyaz Saeedkhan Pathan, the first star witness to give testimony, recounted events and said when they asked Jafri, a former MP, why the police had not come, he told them he would call up Modi for help. “When I asked him what Modi said, he said there was no question of help, instead he got abuses,” Pathan said. When a mob went on a killing spree at Gulbarg society a day after the Godhra carnage, Jafri, whose home had turned into a refuge, was making frantic calls for help. Sixty-nine persons were killed.

Pathan also described how then police commissioner P C Pande visited before violence started and how the police did visit the colony when its residents were being killed. TNN

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Modi abused Jafri: Gulbarg witness

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A crucial eyewitness in the Gulbarg Society massacre has said that while his house was under attack by rioters, former Congress MP Ehsan Jafri had called Chief Minister Narendra Modi for help and Modi, in turn, had abused him. The witness, identified as Imtiaz Saeed Khan Pathan (32), is among the victims and witnesses of the massacre who managed to survive. A number of Muslims of the area had taken shelter at Jafri's house.

Trialofthecasehasbegunin the designated fast-track court of Judge B U Joshi in Ahmedabad. Pathan, who used to stay in Gulbarg Society, is the first witness in the case and had appeared before the court on Monday. Seven of Pathan's family were killed in the Gulbarg massacre.

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## **Instead of sending help, Modi abused Jafri, Gulbarg riot survivor tells court**

**Witness Imtiaz Pathan told judge how the chief minister, police officials had ignored Jafri's pleas to help residents of Gulbarg Society during 2002 riots**

**AHMEDABAD MIRROR BUREAU**

Chief Minister Narendra Modi's name cropped up in connection with the Gulbarg Society massacre, once again on Wednesday. During trial in special court, survivor Imtiaz Pathan, 32, recollected how the chief minister and police officials had ignored Jafri's calls for help.

He revealed this during his threeday deposition — beginning October 2 — before designated judge B U Joshi.

Thirty-nine people, including ex-Congress MP Ehsan Jafri, were killed by a mob on February 28, 2002, in Gulbarg Society in riots triggered by torching of Sabarmati Express at Godhra.

Pathan told the judge: "The society was surrounded by mob and residents herded to Jafri's house. The MP told us he will call Modi for help. After he put the phone down, I asked Jafri about Modi's response. He told me that instead of sending help, Modi showered abuses on him."

Jafri had also sought help from senior cops, said Pathan. "The then police chief P C Pande and Meghaninagar PI K G Erda came here. Jafri asked them for bandobast. The cops promised to send help soon and left. In a few seconds, a 4,000-strong mob gathered outside the society."

The society members closed the two main gates of the society, Pathan recounted. "The mob threw burning rags to smoke us out. Jafri kept calling police officers and political leaders for help, but in vain. Around 1.30 pm, the mob used a gas cylinder to bring down the wall and rushed in with swords, knives and cans filled with fuel. Before my eyes, they cut down my father's elder brother. The mob poured petrol on Jafri's house and set fire. Kids and women ran out. The mob killed my mother and grandmother.

"The mob were abusing Jafri. He told the mob: 'I will come out if you will be satisfied with killing me.' The second he opened the gate, some men dragged him to the road and screamed 'Jafri mil gaya'."

Pathan added, "The mob raped my sister-in-law and another women before killing them. They also killed my nephews Shahdab Khan and Yusuf."

Pathan, who identified several accused in court, said the police came to help them only around 4.30 pm.

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## ‘When Jafri called Modi for help during riots, CM abused him’

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*Eyewitness in Gulberg Society case deposes before fast-track court*

An eyewitness in the 2002 Gulberg massacre case has told the fast-track court that while his house was under attack by rioters, Congress leader Ehsan Jafri had made a phone call to Chief Minister Narendra Modi for help only to be abused by the latter.

The witness, identified as Imtiaz Saeed Khan Pathan (32), is one of the survivors of the Gulberg Society massacre. A number of Muslims of the locality had taken shelter at Jafri’s residence during the riots.

The trial of the case has begun in the designated fast-track court of Judge B U Joshi in Ahmedabad. Pathan, the first witness of the case, who lived in Gulberg Society during the riots, appeared before the court to give evidence on Monday.

In his examination-in-chief by Special Public Prosecutor R K Shah, Pathan said that on February 28, 2002, the society was under attack by a mob and like several others, he too had taken shelter at Jafri’s house.

At this point, according to Pathan’s deposition, he went to Jafri to ask for help as the police were not coming to their rescue.

At that time, according to Pathan, Jafri said he would call Modi for help.

When Pathan asked the Congress leader what the CM said, Jafri said that instead of providing help, Modi abused him.

Besides this, Pathan identified 21 accused in the case in his 27-page deposition, and pointed out the crime they committed during the riots, like rape, murder, attempted murder and arson.

Seven members of Pathan’s family were killed in the massacre, which also left 69 people dead, including Jafri. Defence lawyer Mitesh Amin cross-examined Pathan for two days till Wednesday.

### **Non-bailable warrants against two Naroda Patiya riot accused**

A designated court on Wednesday issued non-bailable warrants against two accused in the Naroda Patiya case for contempt of court. Designated Judge Jyotsna Yagnik issued the warrants against Naresh Chhara and Vijay Chakubhai for not following court orders. Despite repeated reminders to remain present in the court during the hearing, the accused remained absent, following which the court issued warrants against them.

The riots in Naroda Patiya on February 28, 2002 had claimed 98 lives. A total of 46 people were arrested in the case before the Supreme Court asked the state to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to look into some of the riot cases. The SIT made further 21 arrests in the case, while four people are still absconding.

The accused in the case include former BJP minister Dr Maya Kodnani.

The Gujarat High Court recently termed the Naroda Patiya massacre as a carnage “almost unparalleled in modern history” and that such crimes undermine the very foundation of law.