

Bengal man's family says he died of police beating, police say he had heart ailment

The 32-year-old man had stepped out of his house to buy milk during the lockdown. Family says he was beaten up by the police. A local hospital declared him brought dead.

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Kolkata Police personnel enforcing the lockdown. (PTI)

A 32-year-old man in West Bengal's Howrah went out to buy milk during the lockdown

■ on Wednesday when he was beaten up by the police. He later passed away after the thrashing. His family has alleged he died of the injuries.

The police have denied the charge. According to officials, Howrah resident Lal Swami died after suffering a cardiac arrest and that he was already suffering from heart ailments.

Swamy's family members told ABP Ananda that he had stepped out of his residence to buy milk. While speaking to the Bengali channel, his wife alleged that he faced police lathicharge when the personnel were clearing a gathering on the streets.

The victim was rushed to a local hospital, he was declared brought dead.

West Bengal has so far recorded 10 coronavirus cases and 1 death.

A 66-year-man has tested positive for the coronavirus in West Bengal, which is the 10th case in the state. The man from Nayabad in Kolkata had no history of travelling abroad or outside the state.

He had recently attended a wedding in Midnapore and might have come in contact with a person infected with the novel coronavirus.

He is undergoing treatment in the isolation ward of a private hospital and his family kept in home isolation under police protection, sources said.

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(Update: In an earlier version of the story, the headline did not have the police response. The headline was changed to reflect the police denial.)

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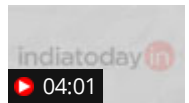
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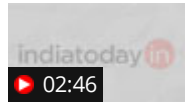


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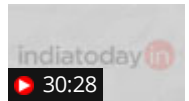


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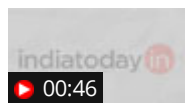
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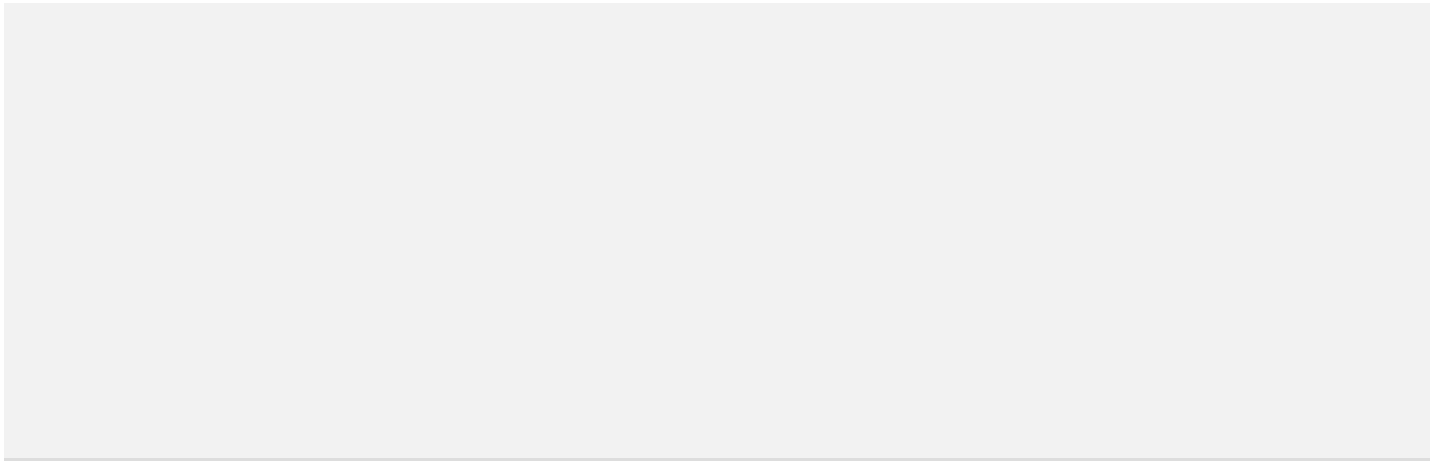
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