

Act of faith

India law stirs Muslim anger

A worshipper offers prayers at a mosque yesterday ahead of the Islamic holy fasting month of Ramadan in Chennai, southern India.

India has brought into force a controversial law on citizenship that has been attacked for discriminating against Muslims, just days before the government sets a date for the general election, expected between April and May.

Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist party implemented the act, which provides a fast track to Indian citizenship for Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and members of other minority religions who arrived in India before 2015 from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, India's Muslim-majority neighbours.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights has called the law, which extends no such rights to Muslims, "fundamentally discriminatory".

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