

BJP aide shot dead amid violence after elections

Tensions rose in West Bengal after a top political aide from Narendra Modi's party was shot dead and hundreds were arrested as violence broke out following elections last week.

The prime minister's Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) claimed victory in the West Bengal elections, defeating Trinamool Congress (TMC), which had ruled over the state legislature for 15 years.

Chandranath Rath, an assistant to the head of the BJP in West Bengal, Suwendu Adhikari, was shot dead in his car just outside the state capital, Kolkata. He was pronounced dead at hospital.