

India protests 'Cockroaches' remain defiant

Young Indian protesters are detained by security forces in New Delhi yesterday while demonstrating after their leader Abhijeet Dipke was released from police custody.

The youth-led Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) vowed to step up its challenge to Narendra Modi's government after Dipke was freed by a court order. He had been arrested on a plane on Saturday as he arrived in the Indian capital ahead of mass protests.

The CJP is calling for the resignation of elections chief Gyanesh Kumar over a voter verification drive in which an estimated 130mn names, the equivalent of about 13 per cent of the electorate, were removed from rolls.

In response, the security forces turned Delhi into a fortress, filling it with barricades and tens of thousands of police and paramilitary personnel.

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