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Modi promises justice after cockroach protests

Narendra Modi said he would set up “fast-track courts” to expedite the punishment of corrupt officials who leaked exam papers, as India’s prime minister sought to quell the youth-led “cockroach” protest movement that rocked Delhi and challenged his government.

Modi posted on X: “Those who try to harm the future of our youth will not be spared.”

The offer of fast justice was swiftly rejected by the Cockroach Janta party (CJP), the satirical name the youth protest movement coined after India’s top judge called unemployed youths “cockroaches”.

An estimated 50,000 people protested in Delhi on Monday, and police mounted baton charges and fired teargas. On Wednesday, more than 1,000 people remained camped out at the CJP’s protest site in Delhi.