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Fact-finding committee says August 11 riots were planned

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Bengaluru: The violence in east Bengaluru on the night of August 11 was planned and organised, and it was "communally motivated", alleges a report by a fact-finding committee. The report, which was submitted to chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday, accuses members of the Popular Front of India (PFI) and Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) of planning and executing the riots with active involvement of locals.

The committee, formed by NGO Citizens for Democracy, is headed by retired district judge Srikanth Babaladi. Former bureaucrats Madan Gopal, R Raju and Prakash and retired DGP MN Krishnamurthy are the other panel members. The team arrived at the conclusions after speaking to



DAMAGE CONTROL: Committee has urged the government to attach property of rioters

riot victims and studying publicly available evidence. It has recommended that the state government should attach property of rioters to recover losses. An MLA's house and the police stations of DJ Halli and KG Halli were attacked during the riots and scores of government and private vehicles were torched. The committee said

that the mob specifically targeted certain houses and the entire incident was a crime against the state.

Dismissing the theory that political rivalry was a trigger, the committee alleged that the riots were communally motivated, aimed at creating fear among people. It also claimed that the riots in Bengaluru, Delhi and Sweden had a common pattern.

The committee has urged the government to avoid looking at the Bengaluru riots as an isolated or local incident and to adopt a holistic approach in investigations. It has also sought formation of a cyber dome to prevent the use of social media for spreading hate against any community. The report has pegged the cost of damage to public and private property during the riots at Rs 10 crore to Rs 15 crore.