TEARGASSING, VIOLENT CLASHES IN MAISUMA

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SRINAGAR, July 26: Police fired smoke shells and resorted to lathi-charge at Maisuma today to disperse demonstrators, who were protesting against the mysterious death of a teenaged boy. The protestors pelted stones on the cops and the clashes continued for several hours.

The deceased was identified as 16-year old Owais Ahmad Fuffo son of Mohammad Ismail of Manderbagh Gawkadal. He was missing since Eid and his body was today recovered from river Jehlum at Shadipora, Sumbal. Some of the protestors alleged that the boy died in police custody but police strongly refuted the allegation describing is baseless.

As the news about the recovery of Owais's body reached Maisuma, the youth there took to streets and held protest demonstrations. They pelted stones on cops, who used force to disperse them. The police burst smoke shells and resorted to lathi-charge. After getting dispersed for some time, the protestors would regroup again and pelt stones. The men in uniform had a tough time in dispersing the violent protestors against and again.

Reinforcement of police and paramilitary forces was rushed to the spot to bring the situation under control. However, the intermittent clashes continued till this evening.

Reports said that Owais went missing on Eid (July 18). His family searched for him but could not trace him. They lodged a report in police station.

Police spokesman said that locals of Shadipora found a body in river Jehlum and informed police. Police recovered the body from the river and identified it as that of missing Owais. The body was later handover to his parents, police said.

A pall of gloom descended on Gawkadal area as the news about the death of the missing boy spread. This also led to clashes in the neighbouring Maisuma.

DIG Central Kashmir Ghulam Hassan Bhat told media that police has started investigation into the matter under section 174. He said that as per the missing report with the police, the boy had gone missing on Eid.

“We have launched the investigation and will soon be able to solve the case of the boy’s death,” he said, adding that people should cooperate with police.

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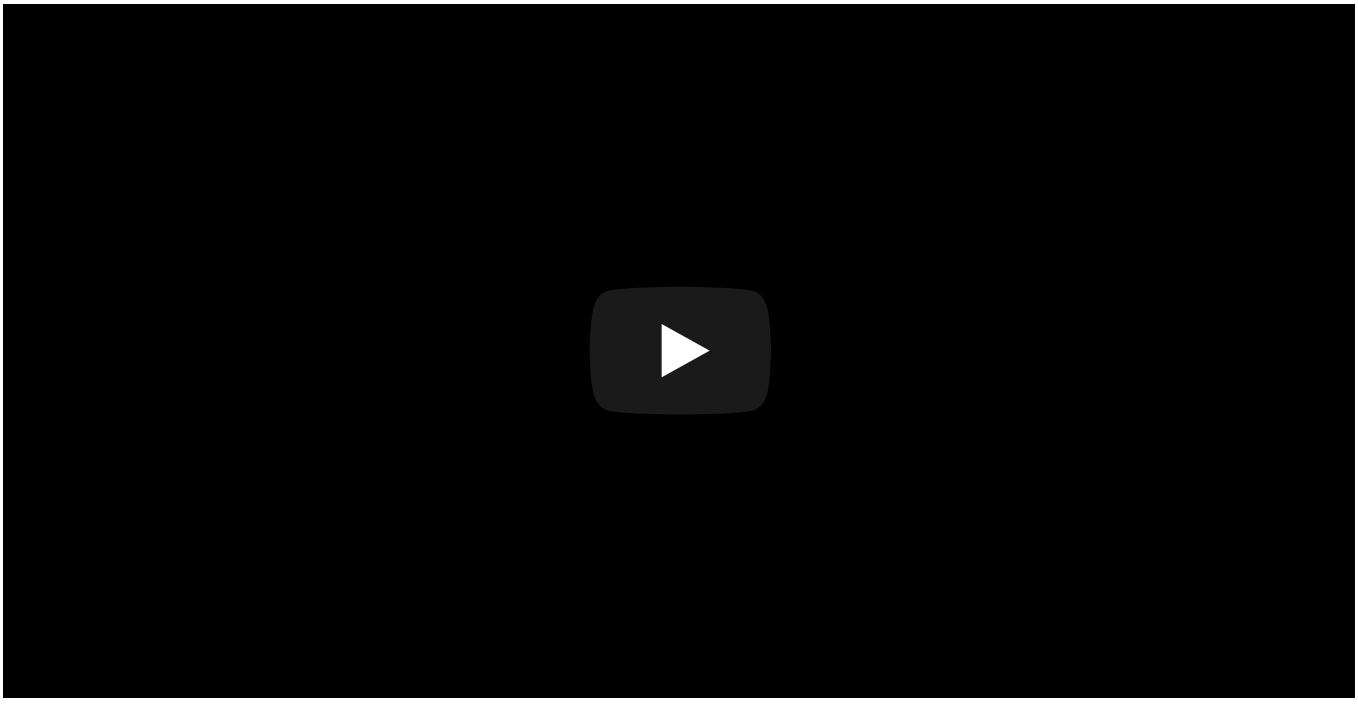

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