PROTESTS, CLASHES, TEARGASSING IN NAIDKHAI, SRINAGAR

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SRINAGAR, Mar 21: Police resorted to lathi charge and burst smoke shells to disperse protest demonstration in Naidkhai area of north Kashmir and old Srinagar, when they were protesting against the arrest of youth.

Reports said that people in large number held a massive protest demonstration soon after Friday prayers at Naidkhai (Hajan). They were protesting against the arrests of youths by police on charges of stone pelting.

The protesters were shouting pro Islamic and pro Azadi slogans. They were demanding immediate release of the youths arrested by police on charges of stone pelting after clashes erupted in the area following the killing of Farhat Ahmad Dar by police on last Friday.

The protesters were protesting on the main road Naidkhai for more than an hour. A large number of police and CRPF personnel who were deployed in the area, since wee hours swung into action and resorted to lathicharge to disperse the protesters.

The youths pelted stones towards the forces and the forces also fired smoke shells to disperse them. The ding dong battle continued for several hours. However, a large number of police force managed to bring the situation under control.

The transport and the shops and other business establishments remained closed in the area after the clashes.

A large number of police force was deployed in the township to maintain law and order. The police blocked all the entry and exit points near the main market to maintain uninterrupted traffic movement in the area.

The protesters said that police and CRPF have unleashed a terror in the area after the people protested against the killing of Farhat Ahmad Dar. The residents said that a large number of youths have been arrested by police in the area for the last one week on charges of stone petting.

The residents of Hajan, Bandipora, Sopore, Baramulla and several adjoining areas have also demanded immediate release of the youths arrested by police for the last one week. The people at Hajan Yesterday evening held a evening protest. The residents came out in large number at the Hajan chowk and held protest demonstration against the arrest of the youths. They were demanding their release.

The police in old Srinagar near police station Khanyar resorted to lathicharge to disperse a protest demonstration, when people were protesting against the arrest of the youths in the area. The people were demanding release of the youths arrested by police. When the people were shouting slogans against the police, a large contingent of police which was deployed near the police station Khanyar swung into action and resorted to lathicharge to disperse them.

The police action managed to bring the situation under control. The police also arrested few youths, when they were pelting stones towards the police.

The locals said that it has become a routine affair for the police to arrest the youths and later release them after demanding hefty money from their parents. However, these charges have been refuted by police who said that only those youths have been arrested who are involved in stone pelting.

Several youths have been arrested by police in the area, for the last one week. They were allegedly involved in stone pelting and holding protest demonstrations.

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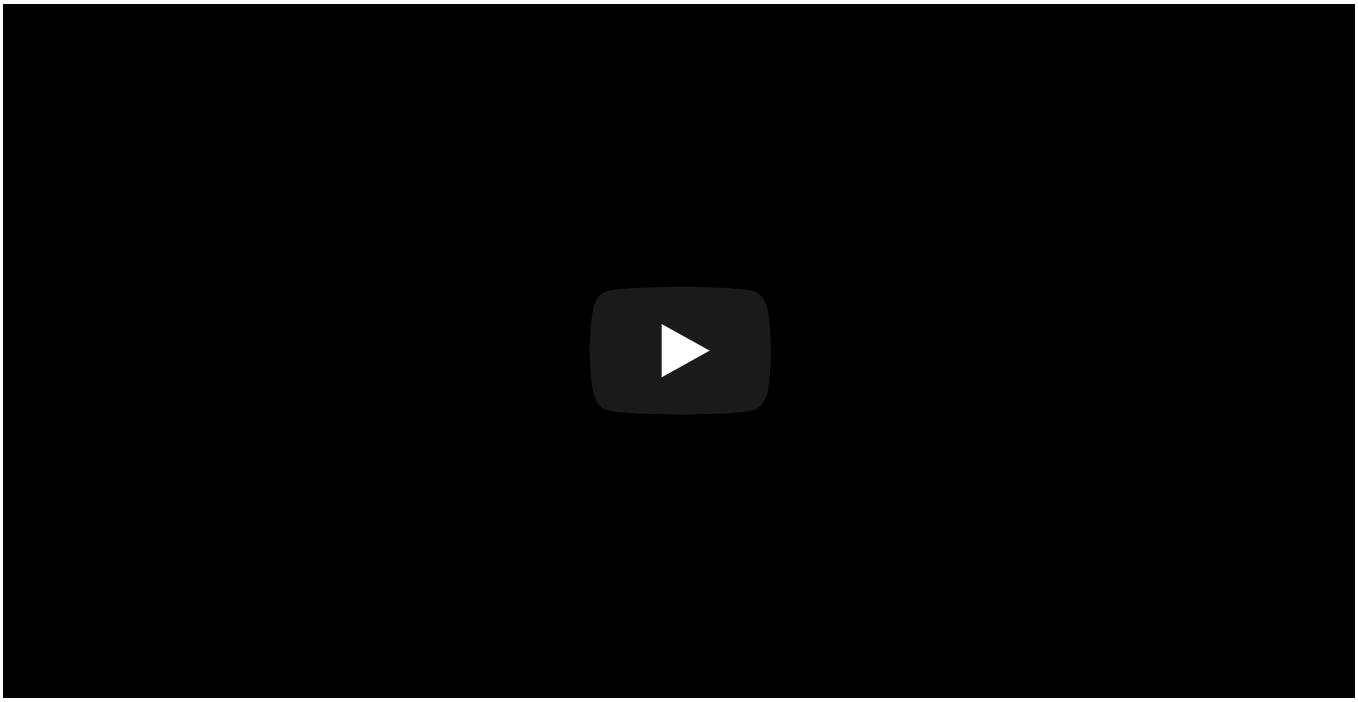

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