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Out of line: On West Bengal Governor's visit to violence-hit areas

The article highlights West Bengal's Governor's visit to the violence-affected areas and regards the act as no violation of constitutional decorum. He has always been Mamta Banerjee's critic and recently made a statement pointing her to avoid airing differences in public.

To counter this, Mamta Banerjee appealed to the president to recall the governor as she thinks BJP is behind this act. Likewise, earlier also another Governor of West Bengal had commented on an incident that involved police firing.

Even he was condemned for doing so as per the general principle that states - No governor should offer public statements for events that can be best handled by the respective representatives.

However, such acts of allowing post-poll celebrations on a violent note and attacking the losing side are condemnable.

The responsibility lies on the leader now to restore law and order. Also, any warning or suggestion from any Governor should come in private and not over public platforms.

Words to look out for

Derogation:

- **Synonyms:** depreciation, detraction, denigration
- **Antonyms:** development, encouragement
- **Word usage:** Article 15 provides certain derogations where permanent resident status can be acquired before the four years.

Gubernatorial:

- **Synonyms:** administrative, governmental, presidential
- **Antonyms:** non-governmental, democratic
- **Word usage:** The governor may use his gubernatorial veto to reject the proposal.

Restraint:

- **Synonyms:** constraint, control, check
- **Antonyms:** freedom, advantage
- **Word usage:** Showing restraint, the police officer refused to get physical with the suspect even though she had pushed him several times.

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Goodbye Farzad-B: But diluting of India-Iran ties could curb New Delhi's strategic options

The article bids goodbye to the Faraz-B gas field negotiations between India and Iran, declined by Iran. This is the second time when Iran has dropped India's deals, with the first being the Chabahar railway link project. The moves lead to anticipating the decline of commercial relations between the named nations.

All this began after Trump pulled the US out of the Iran Nuclear deal and India was forced to do business with Tehran, winding down oil imports.

Though the Biden administration has initiated the talks with Iran on the nuclear deal, the results are yet unclear. The moves may have strategic implications in the future. If the US pulls out from Afghanistan, India would need Iran's help to stabilize the situation there otherwise Pakistan might try and take advantage.

Thus, it would be great if the US can convince and revive the nuclear pact with Iran allow foreign companies to do business with Tehran.

Words to look out for

Miffed:

- **Synonyms:** peeved, irritated, annoyed
- **Antonyms:** happy, pleased
- **Word usage:** When the paperboy continued to throw the newspaper into the puddle of water, the owner was miffed at the thoughtless boy.

Implication:

- **Synonyms:** significance, insinuation, hint
- **Antonyms:** exception, frivolity
- **Word usage:** Cheryl's hiding of her report card gave me the implication she had failed at least one of her classes.

Reimposition:

- **Synonyms:** reinstatement, restoration
- **Antonyms:** annulment, deterioration
- **Word usage:** That could result in the reimposition of wartime sanctions against Serbia.

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