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## Mother of Rape Victim Injured During Protest, Police Launch Probe

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A protest in Kolkata over the rape-murder case of “Abhaya” took a violent turn when the victim’s mother sustained injuries during a clash with police. The incident occurred as demonstrators demanded justice and greater accountability in handling crimes against women.

The protest, attended by rights groups, activists, and concerned citizens, was part of a broader movement to pressure authorities for swift action against those accused in the case. Witnesses reported that tensions escalated as the rally approached a police barricade, leading to a physical confrontation.

Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal announced that a suo motu investigation has been launched into the incident. Authorities are reviewing CCTV footage, drone recordings, and other forms of evidence to piece together the sequence of events and identify those responsible for the altercation.

“The investigation will be impartial, and necessary action will be taken against anyone found guilty of misconduct,” Goyal stated, adding that both police conduct and protester behavior will be examined.

Rights advocates have condemned the incident, calling it an example of the growing hostility faced by victims’ families and human rights activists during peaceful protests. They have urged the government to ensure that law enforcement agencies handle such gatherings with sensitivity, especially when vulnerable individuals are involved.

The “Abhaya” case has already sparked widespread outrage in West Bengal, drawing attention to systemic issues in the state’s handling of sexual violence cases. Public pressure continues to mount for legal reforms, faster investigations, and stronger protections for women and their families.

With the probe underway, both sides await clarity on whether the victim’s mother was injured due to excessive police force, accidental circumstances, or other causes during the protest. The outcome is expected to influence public trust in the ongoing investigation into the underlying rape-murder case.