

# Gurgaon rush hour: Gunmen fire at SUV, kill bystander



Rakesh Kumar, the 'target', escapes unscathed; his attackers flee

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GURGAON, JULY 15

A SUSPECTED gangwar spilled out on a busy Gurgaon street in broad daylight on Wednesday, when four unidentified men unleashed a hail of bullets on a SUV carrying a man on way to court for a murder hearing.

While their target, identified as Rakesh Kumar, escaped unscathed and the assailants managed to flee, an autorickshaw driver at the site of the attack was killed when he was hit by a stray bullet.

Another bullet hit Hansraj, the driver of the SUV, in the head. He lost control of the vehicle, broke through the divider, rammed into two other cars and finally landed on an autorickshaw parked nearby.

The auto-rickshaw driver Kamal, who was injured in the gunfire, was rushed to a local hospital and succumbed to injuries later.

According to police, the incident took place near the Gurgaon Central mall around 9 am, after Rakesh Kumar left Beverly Park-1, a residential

complex, in his SUV. "As soon as his car turned towards the main road from the service road, sounds of bullets being fired could be heard. After his SUV rammed into the autorickshaw, Kumar came out of the car and hid inside a nearby building," said Sri Ram Prasad, security supervisor of the complex.

The four gunmen, who were in a silver Santro with an Uttar Pradesh licence plate, fled the spot while still firing rounds in the air.

"Around 9 am, we got information about the sound of firing at MG Road. When we reached there, we found a car on top of an auto. Four persons started the firing. The auto driver, who was standing there, was injured in the head and he died. Another auto driver was injured in the head and he is admitted at the Safdarjung hospital. Police are conducting an investigation and a few names have emerged," said Gurgaon Police Commissioner Navdeep Singh Virk.

Hansraj, the driver of the SUV, later underwent an operation to remove the bullet, and is said to be in a stable condition.

The attack seems to be the result of a gang rivalry and the target was Rakesh Kumar from Hayatpur village in Gurgaon, police said.

Kumar was on his way to the district court to attend a hearing in the murder case of a former sarpanch of Hayatpur, in which he is an accused, said police sources.

"Kumar has been arrested and an investigation is going on. This seems to be a case of gangwar," Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime) Rajesh Kumar Chechi said.

The police have announced



The SUV, whose driver was hit by a bullet, broke through a divider and landed on an autorickshaw. Manoj Kumar

a reward of Rs 50,000 for information on the gunmen. "During investigation, Kumar revealed two names and we are investigating them," Chechi added.

Released on bail in the murder case, Kumar got involved in a land feud and had allegedly beaten up one of the two men with whom he had a dispute, said police sources.

"Kumar, who has earlier been booked for land fraud and cheating, had beaten up one of the two men who bought land in front of his house. In his complaint, Kumar has mentioned these two men," the ACP said.

He also said that on Monday, a man called Kapil was arrested for alleged possession of illegal weapons. Kapil later told the police that he had been getting threat calls from Kumar.

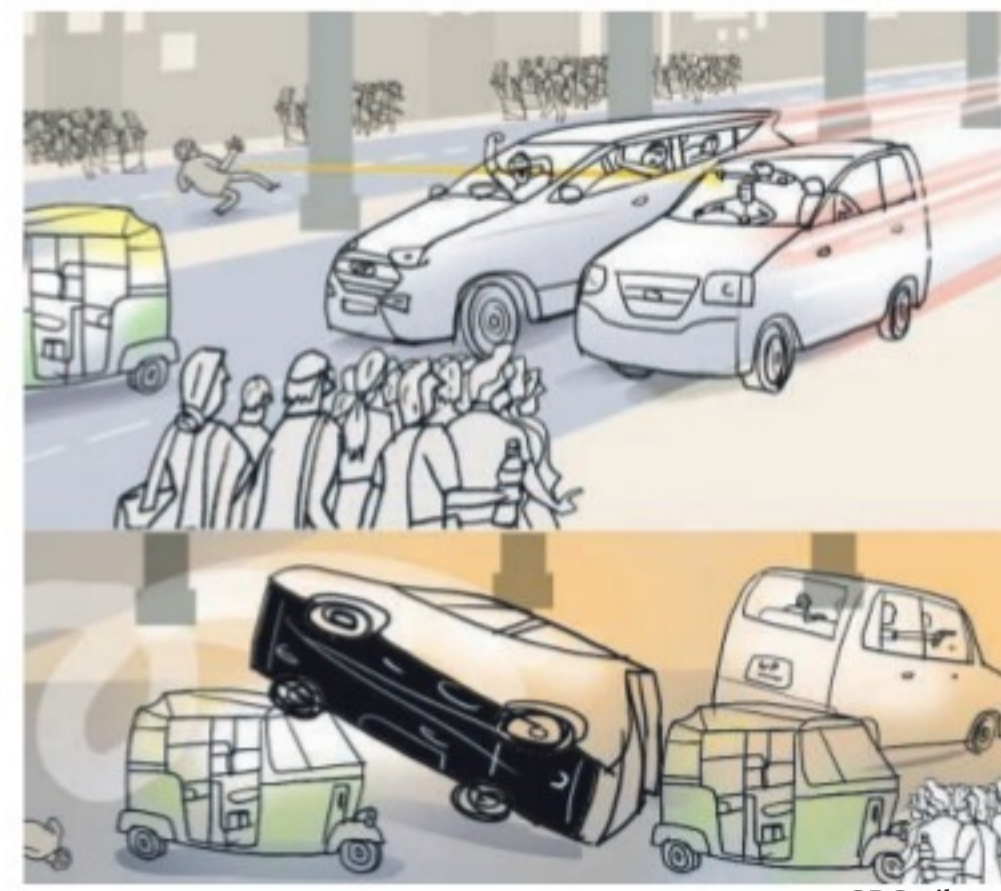
"We are investigating his involvement in this shootout because Kapil said that he had kept the weapons for security reasons. Why would someone keep so many weapons for safety," Chechi added.

The Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road was sealed off after the incident and traffic on the busy road was disrupted for over an hour. The traffic jam went all the way upto

Sikanderpur and Rajiv Chowk on the expressway, said Rohit Jairath, a senior official of a firm that looks after the E-way.

It took the police hours to identify the dead auto rickshaw driver and locate his family. He was finally identified as Kamal Dang (29), who lived in Shakti Nagar with his mother and brother.

"The post-mortem was delayed as the police could not identify the deceased or trace anyone from his family," said a senior official. The post-mortem will now be conducted on Thursday.



4 gunmen in a Santro fire at a SUV on busy MG Road. An auto driver is hit by a stray bullet.

SUV driver, hit by a bullet, loses control. Vehicle breaks through divider, crashes into auto.

## 16 cases over 11 years against man who survived Gurgaon attack

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RAKESH KUMAR, the man who was the target of a brazen attack by four gunmen in Gurgaon on Wednesday, faces an array of criminal charges, ranging from trespassing, assault, extortion and murder. He has been booked in 16 cases in the last 11 years.

"Of these 16 cases, Kumar has been acquitted in five cases. Trials in the other 11 cases are going on," said Rakesh Kumar Chechi, ACP (Crime).

Kumar is the reason many villagers have fled Hayatpur, his native village, claims a resident.

"As he grew older, so did the scale of his operations. He had nearly 30 men working for him. He soon started buying land in Hayatpur. Soon, he was buying houses in Gurgaon," he said.

A few years ago, he was accused of forging documents to procure a piece of land

### CASES FILED AGAINST RAKESH KUMAR

Year	CHARGE
2004	Poisoning
2008	Criminal intimidation
2003	Fraud, trespassing
2007	Extortion
2003	Theft
2007	Murder, attempt to murder
2008	Cheating, assault
2011	Criminal conspiracy, murder and attempt to murder.

in Bhangrola village, on which he later built a hotel.

"Rakesh Kumar 'Hayatpuria' is a name that even children know, but for all the wrong reasons. Kumar and my son Rakesh used to study together. They grew up together. But Kumar deviated and I pulled Rakesh out of his bad company," said Shiv Narayan, father of Rakesh Yadav, the 24-year-old sarpanch who was allegedly shot by Kumar in June 2011.

Six months later, Kumar allegedly tried to kill Shiv Narayan, but the latter managed to escape. Since then, Gurgaon police have deployed two policemen to provide round-the-clock protection for Shiv Narayan.

"He wanted us to take the case back. He killed my young son when his daughter was two years old and his wife was three months pregnant. He has become the mafia of Hayatpur," alleged Shiv Narayan.

Kumar was booked in the murder case and later released on bail.

## AAP's student wing throws hat in DU election ring

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NEW DELHI, JULY 15

IN A move that is likely to stir up Delhi University's campus politics, the Aam Aadmi Party's student wing, Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Samiti (CYSS) on Wednesday confirmed that it would contest the DU's Students' Union (DUSU) elections in September.

"The CYSS was keen on fighting the DUSU elections but we were waiting for an approval from the party. They (AAP leaders) were monitoring the progress and strength of the organisation. We got the final nod on Tuesday," said CYSS Delhi Vice-President Anmol Panwar.

The organisation has claimed that defeating the "politics of money and muscle power", allegedly practiced by BJP-backed Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and Congress' student

front National Students' Union of India (NSUI), will be on top of its agenda.

But the CYSS is yet to take an official stand on the controversial Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), which has faced opposition from several stakeholders of the University.

"Our main agenda right now is to defeat the ABVP and the NSUI because they have taken no concrete measures to work for the students of the university. We will pick candidates who have an ideological understanding, not just pretty faces. We have been deliberating on CBCS, but our official stance on it will become clear when the manifesto is released," Panwar said.

DU student union elections usually witness a straight contest between the ABVP and the NSUI.

But in the last few years, with the introduction of the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) in 2013,

the All India Students' Association (AISA) has also gained some support.

Meanwhile, the ABVP claimed that such "fringe elements" will make no difference to its prospects.

"DU students are very aware and they know who is working on the ground. ABVP has strengthened DUSU and worked for students, whether it was the FYUP roll-back or the issue of revaluation. Fringe elements like these have come and gone every year, and this year will be no different," said ABVP State Secretary Saket Bahuguna.

AISA State President Anmol, however, questioned the CYSS' agenda.

"They are saying that they want to defeat politics of money and muscle power but the maximum number of posters plastered across the university belong to CYSS. They are using as much money as ABVP and NSUI," he claimed.

## SMART GOVERNANCE MAP OF INDIA

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- 1 Maharashtra
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- 4 Jharkhand
- 5 Karnataka
- 6 Haryana
- 7 Punjab
- 8 Rajasthan
- 9 New Delhi
- 10 West Bengal
- 11 Himachal Pradesh
- 12 Andhra Pradesh
- 13 Orissa
- 14 Uttarakhand
- 15 Meghalaya
- 15 Tripura
- 16 Assam
- 17 Chhattishgarh
- 18 Chandigarh
- 18 Jammu & Kashmir
- 18 Tamil Nadu
- 19 Goa
- 20 Sikkim
- 21 Arunanchal Pradesh
- 21 Bihar
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