



India Armed Violence Assessment



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Pg. 2: Following the statement that "The government has taken some action by limiting the power of arrest itself", note that the *Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill, 2008*, stipulated that the police cannot make an arrest on suspicion in an alleged offense where the minimum punishment is less than seven years. In another amendment proposed in 2010, the law now requires the police officer to record in writing the grounds for arrest.

Reference: "[The Code of Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill, 2010](#)", *Voice4india.org*, 27 August 2010.

Pg. 3: Following the statement that "in an unusual case, the Andhra Pradesh High Court found that in the case of a death caused in the course of police action, a murder case must be registered against the police personnel involved. This has had the effect of denying officers the right to self-defence (Ratanlal and Dhirajlal, 2006)." Note that this judgment has been stayed by the Supreme Court of India. Reference: "[SC stays Andhra HC order on FIR against 'killer' cops](#)", *Indian Express*, 5 March 2009.

Pg. 5: Following the statement that "some states have yet to establish a training academy and most police academies are neglected", note that Bihar is establishing a police training at Rajgir and it is expected to be completed in second half of 2013.

Reference: "[Police Academy coming up near Rajgir](#)", *Times of India*, 28 March, 2011

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