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INDIA: COMMITMENT TO HINDU TEMPLE

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee insisted that Hindus would build a contested temple in Ayodhya, at a site also revered by Muslims. He spoke at the funeral of Ramchandradas Paramhans, 92, a Hindu holy man, in Ayodhya, where Hindus believe the god Rama was born. Mr. Paramhans had been associated with the temple project since 1949. A 16th-century mosque at the site was demolished by Hindus in December 1992, setting off widespread ethnic violence. Hindu nationalists say the mosque was built after the destruction of a Rama birth temple. Hari Kumar (NYT)

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