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**INDIA: Sikh Violence Spreading**

Sikhs in New Delhi, Bombay, Punjab, and Jammu and Kashmir yesterday rioted in reaction to the final assault by Army troops on the temple complex in Amritsar and the death of Sikh extremist leader Bhindranwale. At least 20 deaths have occurred. Press reports indicate that paramilitary units have been sent to Srinagar and Army troops to Punch near Kashmir's border with Pakistan to quell Sikh violence.

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**Comment:** The spread of Sikh violence against government facilities and non-Sikh religious places outside Punjab probably will damage public confidence in government claims that the crisis is waning.

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