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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called the protests in the U.S. Capitol "unlawful", and added that the transfer of power to the next administration should go ahead without any interference.

"Distressed to see news about rioting and violence in Washington DC. Orderly and peaceful transfer of power must continue. The democratic process cannot be allowed to be subverted through unlawful protests," the Prime Minister said on his personal Twitter handle.

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Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala called the incident "reprehensible". He said, "We in the INC believe that rulers are borne by the vote of the people and not by force. Use of force to subvert democracy is unacceptable and condemnable".

General secretary of the CPI D. Raja chose the occasion to remind Mr. Modi that he had travelled to Houston in 2019 to campaign for the re-election of President Do-

nald Trump.

"Mr. Trump has been destroying pillars of democracy in the United States. He refused to accept the verdict and engineered this violence. It is ironical that our Prime Minister talked about a smooth transition of power when he attended Howdy Modi programme and campaigned for Mr Trump," he said, adding that "subversion of democracy has become the character of rightwing leaders".