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Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Monday announced a CID probe and a magisterial inquiry into the violence in Mangaluru during the protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act that left two persons dead in police firing.

This announcement, however, did satisfy the Opposition, which demanded a judicial inquiry. The Chief Minister also rejected the Opposition demand for the resignation of Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai. While the Chief Minister announced the CID probe in Bengaluru, he later clarified in Shivamogga that there would be two inquiries. However, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, on a visit to the violence-hit areas in Mangaluru, insisted that there should be a judicial probe.

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"I have directed that strict action be taken against those who tried to enter a police station to loot arms. I hope peace prevails at least now," Mr. Yediyurappa told presspersons in Bengaluru. Continuing to accuse the Congress of inciting violence deliberately "because they have no other issues", he said those leading the protest or speaking against CAA had not explained how the Act was going to affect Muslims. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has clearly said that this Act will not affect Muslims. Even after Mr. Modi's clarification, the Congress is deliberately causing confusion."

Further, in Shivamogga, Mr. Yediyurappa accused the Opposition of inciting violence to bring disrepute to the State and Union governments. There was information that a few youths from neighbouring Kerala were also involved in the violent incidents that took place during the protest in Mangaluru, he said, adding that his government would not try to suppress peaceful agitations, but cautioned of stern action against those indulged in disturbing peace and harmony in the name of protest.

Regarding the demand for the resignation of Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai by Congress and JD(S), he said it was because of their "frustration" over the continuous poll defeats.