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- recommended, general interest, *Maamla Legal Hai* for anyone who wants to see pop-culture fictional representation of Indian legal system

Wikipedia's co-founder, [Jimmy Wales](#), had this to say to the community:

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—Jimbo Wales at [Wikipedia:Village pump \(WMF\) § The Asian News International vs. Wikimedia Foundation situation](#) (09:13, 21 October 2024 (UTC))

In a [tweet](https://x.com/lawbarandbench/status/1845710361821069711) (<https://x.com/lawbarandbench/status/1845710361821069711>) by India-based news media *Bar and Bench* it appears that WMF's counsel said "We could share names in sealed cover and preserve anonymity" **we assume they mean not actual names but other technical information on editors of the blanked article** to satisfy the court demand.

Admin Recall is now policy

Pertinent links

- Phase I - [Proposal 16](#) and [Proposal 16c](#)
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The first recall was initiated soon after the RfC was marked as adopted (<Special:Permalink/1253547916> / <Special:Permalink/1253758891>)

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I'm not convinced we should publish this before the court makes a decision on the defamation case, but for the sake of accuracy: that tweet is from October 14 and refers to editors of Asian News International, apparently those editing it in 2020, not to the editors of ANI vs. WFM, which was created a couple weeks ago and blanked on the 21st. Valereee (talk) 11:27, 23 October 2024 (UTC)

Well, in a sense it's published already. How *the court* sees it is of course anyone's guess. Gråbergs Gråa Sång (talk) 12:39, 23 October 2024 (UTC)

My primary point was that the court isn't seeking info on the editors of the *blanked* article. They're seeking info on editors of the Asian News International article. The article is simply inaccurate on that. I've struck the word blanked, hoping someone will understand what I'm talking about. Valereee (talk) 18:34, 25 October 2024 (UTC)

@Valereee That's correct. — hako9 (talk) 19:08, 25 October 2024 (UTC)

Appreciate the interest but want folks to know that this will be blanked sometime. We really should have pre-publication discussions at WP:NEWSROOM. ☆ Bri (talk) 19:24, 25 October 2024 (UTC)

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