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Your report [March 5, 2001, Responses to the court verdict in the case of al-Kushh] is a thorough and detailed account of the legal process that followed the New Year's clashes between Muslims and Christians. It does a fair and thorough job of presenting the several sides of the case, particularly the religious-oriented interpretations of the process and verdict. It eventually reaches a wall beyond which it is difficult to go: the evidence presented to the court by police. Spokesmen for both sides arrive at this point and stop there -- one side arguing that the court's considerations were, based on the evidence presented, fair, and the other side contending that the investigation or presentation of evidence were manipulated to ensure the verdict. Your presentation of this argument is thorough and fair.