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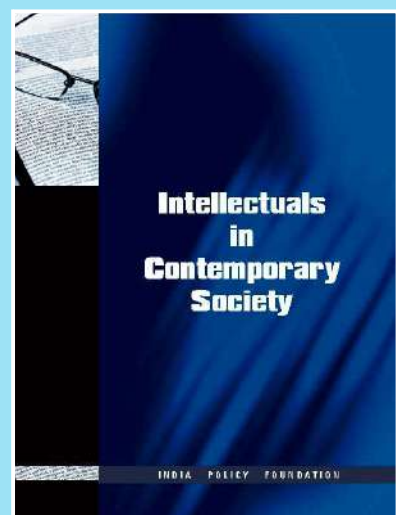
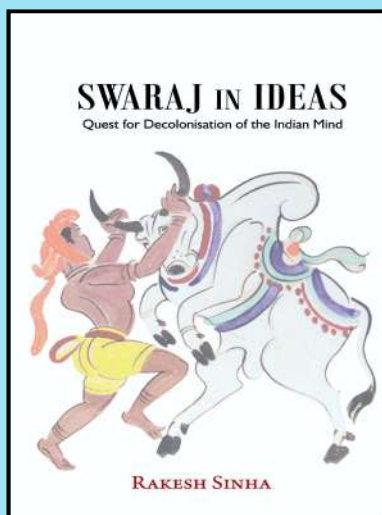
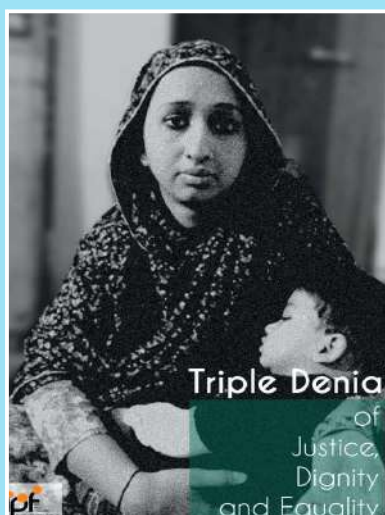
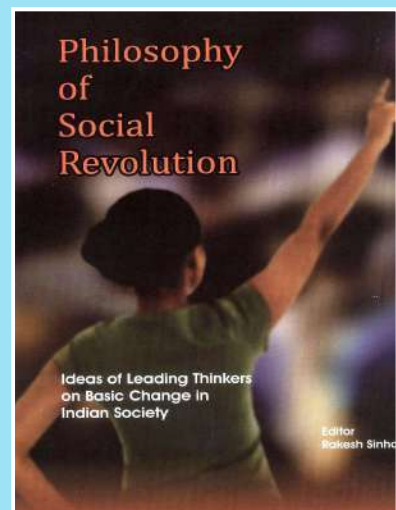
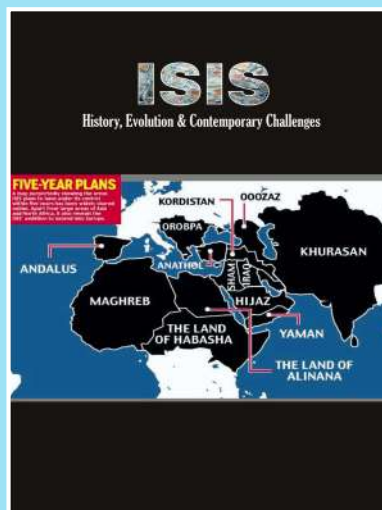
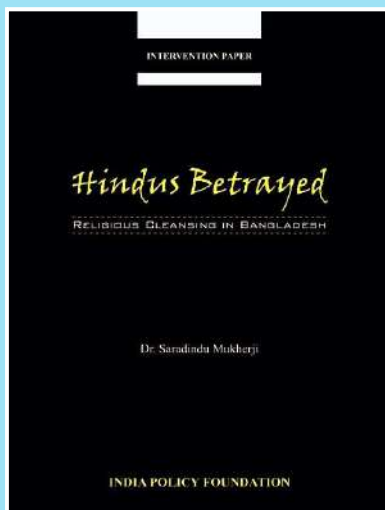
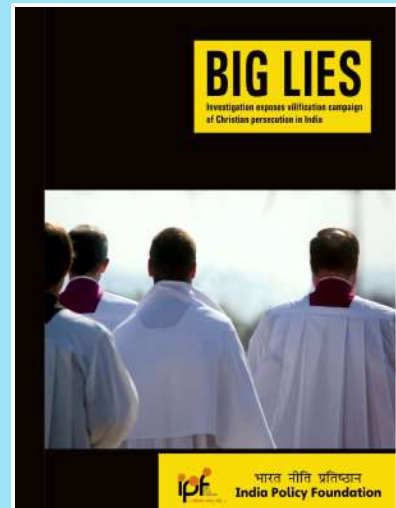
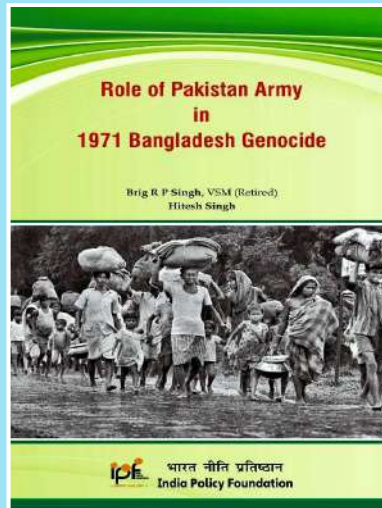
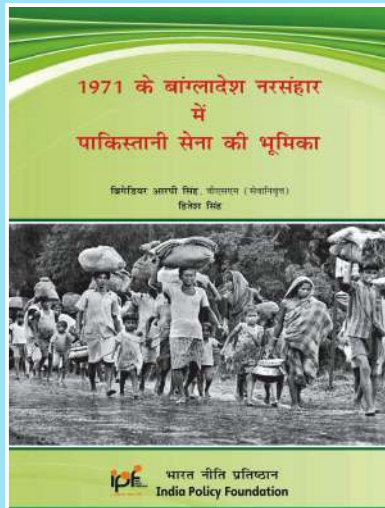
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Summary

The controversy about the alleged apology letter of freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar written to the British has taken a new turn. The Central Minister for Tourism Prahlad Patel has now said that there was no record of the so-called apology letter written by Savarkar with the Andaman and Nicobar Island administration. The Congress and the Left have been making an issue of this apology letter for a long time. What is remarkable about this letter is that the so-called letter was first mentioned in a book written after his death and its summary was published in an English magazine. When Savarkar's family filed a case of defamation against this magazine, it removed this apology letter from its next edition. But the opponents of Savarkar have been repeating this allegation since then.

Some Urdu newspapers have been publishing dangerous stories against the Modi government. Siasat, one of the Urdu publications from Hyderabad, has come out with a news that most of those who are against the Citizen Amendment Act (CAA) belong to the Dalits, Adivasis and Muslims. It claims that if these sections come together, the Modi government would come into minority. The paper claimed that of the 303 BJP MPs, there were 77 from these two sections, and if they revolt, the Modi government would come into minority and despite the support of its allies, the BJP government would not survive.

The Uttar Pradesh government has charged that the various agitations and protests against the CAA and the government are being financed by the Popular Front. Its headquarters are near the famous Shaheen Bagh in New Delhi. It is alleged that many of the bodies supported by this Front are getting funds in crores from abroad. The UP police said that this was also confirmed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). So far, Uttar Pradesh Police have arrested about 150 members of the Popular Front under charges of sedition and other counts. The police alleged that many of the opposition leaders were also connected with the Popular Front.

The peace formula of Donald Trump to divide Palestine and make Jerusalem the capital of Israel has been rejected by the Muslim leaders of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) and the Arab league. They alleged that this formula was devised by Trump to ensure his victory in the coming elections, and it was aimed at giving recognition to those portions of Egypt and Jordan that had been captured by Israel. ■

Plan to Spread Chaos in India

The **Siasat** (January 31) has published an item prominently titled 'The Narendra Modi government could fall.' The newspaper wrote that every section of society- Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Christians had come out against the CAA, NRC and NPR. These are considered particularly dangerous and harmful for Muslims and Dalits, which is also true. If we analyse the situation in the country, the Dalits are not considered as part of society and Hindus have labelled them as untouchables. Many such incidents have been witnessed in recent times, where people have been killed only because they had dared to sit down on chairs and tables like others or because a Dalit had taken the liberty of horse riding. The height of such discrimination was that hands of Dalits were cut because they touched the dogs of high-caste Hindus. There were incidents where temples were washed with milk or Ganga Jal after politicians of the level of Deputy Chief Minister visited these temples or the houses of high-caste leaders."

"The BJP talks a lot about the welfare of SCs and the tribals, but the rights of these sections cannot be restored by appointing a few of them to the high posts. On the other hand, there are voices within the RSS that reservations to Dalits should be abolished. Recently, when the chief of the Bhim Army Chandrashekhar Azad Ravan visited Hyderabad, he was arrested and sent back to Delhi because he had been saying that the CAA, NRC and NPR were not only against the Muslims but also against Dalits. According to Kannan Gopinathan, the IAS

officer who resigned protesting against the Kashmir policy of Modi; the CAA, NRC and NPR were not only against Muslims and Dalits but against all poor Indians who may not have documents to prove their identity. Magsaysay Award winner Dr Sandeep Pandey has demanded the dismissal of the Modi government because of the mass resentment against it. Most intellectuals, thinkers and political commentators feel that this government had lost its legitimacy. The question arises whether the government led by BJP with 303 MPs could be removed from power. Is it possible to topple this government? These are questions that must be discussed now."

The newspaper wrote, "The Modi government is targeting not only Muslims and Christians, but it is also against the Dalits whose condition is pathetic. The atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Adivasis are rising. They are being exploited politically, socially and religiously. Now, if 77 of the 303 BJP MPs; who are Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, revolt against the government, the party would be left with only 226 MPs, whereas it needs 272 MPs for survival. The party would need the support of 46 MPs and would be short of the requisite numbers even with the support of its allies."

The prominent leaders like Waman Meshram of the Bahujan Kranti Morcha, Chandrashekhar Ravan of Bhim Army, Udit Raj, former BJP leader, now in Congress and Prakash Ambedkar, nephew of Baba Saheb Ambedkar would have to shed their egos and come together at this crucial junction to save the country. If we



look at the composition of the present Parliament it has 131 MPs from the SCs and STs of which 77 are in the BJP."

The **Mumbai Urdu News** (January 31) has carried an editorial by Waseel Khan titled 'Wo Subah Kabhi to Aayegi', which says, "The entire country was in the grip of various agitations, but there were no signs of any change. A large section of the population had revolted against the CAA, NRC and NPR, but no one was willing to respond to this agitation in the largest democracy of the world. The ruling regime is not concerned that this no-response attitude could lead to a very explosive situation. If people continue to pour out on the roads like this, no authority would be able to control them."

"The country had never faced such a delicate situation, not even during the time of partition when there was bloodshed in the country, especially in the border areas and there were dead bodies around and houses were being torched. Not even when humanity was being set on fire in Gujarat. Today, the situation is totally different. The mischief mongers are not only roaming free, but they are being supported by the government. The worsening law and order situation had brought economic activity to a

grinding halt. Prices are totally out of control and this inflation is killing people. Neither the Centre nor the state governments have any time for these issues. The politicians are busy with their little games. The economic and social chaos is turning people into animals. If these are not looked into now, India would be fully engrossed into a civil war. Samples of such behaviour are already before us. A Jawan in the Uri sector shot his boss with an AK-47, when he was stopped from talking on the mobile.

"In the Dwarka area of Delhi, when two persons came in the way of a car, four occupants of the car got down and beat up two so badly that one of them died on the spot. Two motor cyclists Pawan and Pradeep were stuck before a ditch on the road while a car was honking for its way. This led to a scuffle and Pawan was shot dead on the spot. Two boys were urinating outside a metro station and when a rickshaw driver objected, he was beaten to death. Such news items are being flashed on television and newspapers every day, but politicians sitting in their AC rooms are busy fixing their political opponents."

"No one has time to notice the anger and frustration of people. Communalism is crossing all boundaries and inflation is sky-

high. Corruption and scams are the order of the day. When the curtain goes up from these scams, the real face of industrialists, politicians and bureaucrats will stand exposed. Nero is playing his flute while Rome is burning. Today, Hindustan is going down towards chaos and destruction, but the politicians are simply playing their flutes in their comfortable AC rooms."

Another news story in the same newspaper quoted a write-up in the Shiv Sena newspaper Samna which reads "The atmosphere of social and religious harmony is at its lowest nadir. Attempts are being made to spread hatred between Hindus and Muslims and this would create circumstances like that in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Activists of Popular Front Arrested

According to **Inquilab** (February 4), "The Uttar Pradesh Police claims that it had arrested 108 members of the Popular Front from various parts of the state. Of the 13 districts where raids were conducted, the maximum were arrested from Meerut and Muzaffarnagar. Addressing the media, the police chief said that the protests against the CAA were organised by the Popular Front, which created WhatsApp groups to ask people to join the agitation against the CAA. The PF activists joined the WhatsApp groups to instigate mobs to attack police stations so that maximum people got injured. This was started from Azamgarh. Raids were conducted in Indira Nagar in Lucknow and the leaders of Popular Front were arrested and a large number of posters were recovered from them. The police chief said, "The Front had spread violence in several districts, including Sambhal, Lucknow, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Meerut and Varanasi. So far, its 108 activists have been arrested of which 14 were from Lucknow, 16 from Bahraich, three from Sitapur, 21 from Meerut, nine from Ghaziabad, six from Muzaffarnagar, seven from Shamli, four from Bijnor, 20 from Varanasi, five from Kanpur and one each

from Hapur and Jaunpur. He said that this campaign against the Popular Front would continue. The police were also trying to find out the source of finance to the Front. Even before this, the police had arrested two dozen activists of the Front. During investigations, it was revealed that bank accounts were opened in several cities and about Rs 120 crore were deposited.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (February 4), "Chandpur Police have arrested four activists of the Popular Front on charges of instigating people. The police commissioner charged that these activists were spreading misinformation about CAA and giving it a communal tinge to instigate women to start dharna, like at Shaheen Bagh. Those arrested include Naseeruddin, Yakub, Arif, Idrish and Dilshad. A lot of objectionable literature was also been recovered from them."

According to **Inquilab** (February 3), "The police have recovered 2.5 quintals of explosives, which were being carried in a bus going from Farrukhabad to Bareilly. It was being carried in four sacks in a luggage box. The bus had been confiscated by the police and the conductor was under investigation, while the bus driver fled the



scene. The police had arrested the conductor who belongs to Mainpuri. It is believed that these explosives would be used to make bombs."

According to **Inquilab** (February 1), "The Kanpur Police have sent five persons to jail belonging to the Popular Front of India. They have been charged with providing money to the agitators against CAA in the city. According to the police, they were planning to hold demonstrations against the UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. On the other hand, family members of the arrested persons alleged that they were picked up by the police for questioning only a day earlier and put in jail. Among those arrested is a retired school principal. The police claimed that they were arrested for staging a demonstration against the chief minister. The arrested include Mohammad Umar, Syed Abdul Hai Hashmi, Faizan Mumtaz, Mohammad Wasif and Sarvar Alam. The father of Mohammad Umar said, two days ago, the police had come to his home in civil dress and asked for Umar and when he came out, they asked him about someone who had studied with him in the madrasa in

Lucknow. When he said he did not know any such person, they forcibly carried him away to jail. Similarly, Syed Abdul Hai Hashmi, who is a retired school teacher, was arrested from his home. Faizan, on the other hand, is a differently abled young man who was also arrested in a raid at his residence."

According to **Inquilab** (January 29), "The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has sent summons to some members of the Popular Front of India in a case of money laundering. According to an officer, the police have received information about the connection between Popular Front and the demonstrations against CAA in Uttar Pradesh. Its 73 accounts had received a lot of funding from foreign countries. This includes several prominent lawyers of the country. On the other hand, the Congress senior leader Kapil Sibal has denied his role in the demonstrations against the government. He said that he had taken his fees in the famous Hadiya case two years ago, but this had nothing to do with the current agitation against the CAA. He had not charged any fee from anyone fighting a case against the CAA."

Two Arrested for Anti-National Speeches



According to newspaper reports, Dr Kafeel Khan and Sharjeel Imam have been arrested for giving anti-national speeches.

According to **Sahafat** (January 29), "The Delhi Police has arrested Sharjeel Imam, a student of JNU, from his village Jehanabad and he is being interrogated. The police have also released a video where Sharjeel Imam is inciting Muslims of Delhi and the entire country to organise 'chakka jam' and capture the chicken neck so that Assam gets disconnected from the country's mainland. The police said that Sharjeel has also made some objectionable comments about the Indian Constitution and asked Muslims to join hands and set India on fire. Imam has been accused of delivering inflammatory speeches at Shaheen Bagh and Aligarh. The police revealed that with the assistance of Bihar Police, they had raided his house in Bihar. But when he was not found, the police arrested his brother and a friend. After tough interrogation, they told police where Sharjeel was hiding. After his arrest, he was presented before the Jehanabad Civil Court, which sent him on transit remand to Delhi police."

"Imam had fled on January 25, after his video went viral on social media. The police then lodged sedition cases in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. Five teams of Delhi Police had spread out to Delhi, Mumbai, Patna, and was conducting raids. According to police, Sharjeel did his

schooling from St. Xavier's High School of Patna. He then shifted to DPS Vasant Kunj. After doing his graduation in Computer Science from IIT Mumbai, he worked at the Copenhagen University. His father Akbar Imam is a leader of the Janata Dal (United) in Bihar. In 2005, he contested the assembly election from Jehanabad but lost to a Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) candidate. Imam has a younger brother, who is said to be close to Jehanabad's former MP Arun Kumar. The police claimed that after his interrogation, there is a possibility of getting important information about the CAA agitation in the country."

According to **Mumbai Urdu News** (January 31), "The police have arrested Dr. Kafeel Khan from Gorakhpur airport. He has been charged with giving incendiary speech at the Jamia Millia University. According to Inspector General, Special Task Force (STF) Uttar Pradesh, Amitabh Yash, Dr. Kafeel was arrested from Mumbai. Two officers of the STF were sent to Mumbai to get him. There was a case filed against him under Section 153A in Aligarh's Civil

Lines police station on December 13, 2019. In the FIR, Dr. Kafeel was accused of instigating communal feelings at AMU. According to police, on December 12, Dr. Kafeel addressed about 600 students and tried to create enmity between different groups of people. According to the FIR, in his speech he said, "Mota Bhai is turning us into Hindu-Muslims, but he is not able to make us into human beings. By introducing the CAA, we are giving employment to these thieves in our homes who are engaged in theft in our neighbourhood." He also reportedly said that the RSS was teaching students in its schools that everyone with a beard was a terrorist."

On December 12, when he was giving his speech at Sir Syed Gate of AMU, Yogendra Yadav was also present there. In a

tweet, Yadav said that Dr. Kafeel had not used a single word which could harm communal harmony. Dr. Kafeel's brother Adil Khan said that his brother was arrested in Mumbai. This is the same Dr. Kafeel who was suspended in connection with the deaths of infants in the Baba Raghav Das Medical College of Gorakhpur. However, later he was absolved of all charges by the court, but he remains suspended till date."

According to Dainik Inquilab (February 2), "The police have shifted Dr. Kafeel from Aligarh jail to Mathura jail. The police took him to Aligarh and put him in the city's district jail. As soon as news of his arrival spread in the city, there was a marked increase in the incidents of protests and agitations in the city. After this, he was shifted to Mathura jail."

Trust for Ram Mandir Announced

All the Urdu newspapers have published the news of the formation of the Trust to construct the Ram Temple in Ayodhya with prominence.

The **Inquilab** (February 6) has published this news as its main news with the title 'Big announcement before the Delhi Vidhan Sabha elections. Ram Mandir Trust declared. Five-acre land announced for mosque. Of the 15 trustees one will be a Dalit.' According to the newspaper, "This announcement was made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Lok Sabha. The Supreme Court had asked the Centre to announce the Trust within three months of the judgement. However, the timing of the announcement makes it suspicious. The Congress has said that the BJP wants to use the announcement for votes. On the other hand, Asaduddin Owaisi said that the

announcement could also have been made after February 8. The BSP MP Kunwar Danish Ali said that the Lok Sabha was being used for Delhi Assembly elections."

"The prime minister said that land for making the temple would be given to the Trust. This Trust would be autonomous. Later on, the government decided that prominent lawyer K. Parasaran would be its chairman and its main office would be his residence in Delhi. He said that the UP government had been asked to give five-acre space for the mosque to the Sunni Waqf Board. Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar declared that this announcement had nothing to do with the Delhi elections. The head of Jamiat-e-Ulema Maulana Arshad Madni criticised the decision to give place for the mosque, saying that the Babri Masjid was a mosque in the

eyes of the law and would remain so. According to the Shariat, it was still a mosque and would remain so till eternity. Hence, no one had the right to accept any alternative site for the mosque. Iqbal Ansari, the main advocate for the Babri Masjid, stated that land for the mosque should be allotted in Ayodhya itself and pointed out that there was enough space in the Kotia mohalla area of Ayodhya for this purpose, which should be allotted to the mosque by the state government."



"Zafaryab Jilani, the Secretary of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, has condemned the decision to allot land 20 kilometres away from Ayodhya for the mosque and said that this was an open violation of the SC order. He said that they were not going to accept this land as it was against the Islamic Shariat. Maulana Khalid Rasheed Firangi Mahali has said that the decades-long dispute had been settled and no one should play politics now. The Executive President of the Uttar Pradesh Waqf Board said that he had not received any information regarding this as of now."

According to **Inquilab** (February 6), "The Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this announcement."

According to **Dainik Sahafat** (February 7), "MP Badruddin Ajmal has stated that allotting land for a mosque

outside Ayodhya was an insult to Islam and Muslims. The government should keep away from this and we would be able to find land by ourselves."

Commenting on the announcement of the Nyas, the editorial of **Inquilab** (February 7) said, "This was done to influence the Delhi Assembly elections. The editorial also said that the Supreme Court had said in its judgment that the temple should be constructed on the disputed land and Muslims should be given alternative site for the mosque. But the UP government had given alternative land 18 kilometres outside Ayodhya. Now questions are being asked as to what was the hurry for this announcement just before Delhi elections?"

According to **Sahafat** (February 7), "The government had deliberately kept Ayodhya's saints outside this trust. They are probably scared that saints would start fighting among themselves. As far as the site for the mosque is concerned, the government should try to resolve this issue by mutual talks." ■

No Records of Savarkar's Apology Letter

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (February 6), "The information given in Parliament showed that the Andaman and Nicobar administration did not have any record of the apology letter written by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. Replying to a question, the Minister for Tourism Prahlad Patel said that the light and sound show presented at the Cellular Jail of Andaman and Nicobar did not have any reference to the so-called apology letter written by Savarkar to the British. The newspaper wrote that Savarkar had been involved in revolutionary activities till 1910-11 when he was arrested by British. Then he was awarded a life term and



was sent back to the Andaman's Cellular Jail. But after a few months, he wrote a petition to the British government that if he was released, he would dissociate himself from the freedom struggle and become loyal to the British regime. The controversy about this letter had been played up for several years. The Congress and the Left parties have been repeatedly raising this issue. Now the government has given an official version that the Andaman government did not have any record of such a letter."

Comment: About a few decades back, a writer claimed in his book that Savarkar had come out of jail after seeking an apology from the British. Later, when the

family members of Savarkar sued the writer and the weekly which published this news, and asked them to produce the letter, the author removed this letter from the book in his new edition. Savarkar has been portrayed negatively by the Congress. In 2004, then Congress minister Mani Shankar Aiyar revoked a plaque in Savarkar's name from Andaman's Cellular Jail, and also opposed the proposal to rename the airport there in Savarkar's name. When Savarkar's picture was unveiled in the Parliament's Central Hall during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee regime, the Congress and other opposition parties boycotted the ceremony."

USA Bans Entry of Citizens of Six Muslim Countries



According to **Inquilab** (February 2), "USA has banned the entry of citizens of six Muslim countries due to security reasons. The countries which have been banned are Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Eritrea, Nigeria, Sudan and Tanzania. This ban would be implemented from February 21. USA had banned the entry of citizens from Muslim-majority countries earlier too for which Donald Trump had come under heavy criticism."

"The White House has said in a statement that this step had to be taken due to security reason. If anyone wanted to visit USA, that person would have to

follow the guidelines of the US security agencies. Sudan and Kyrgyzstan were Muslim-majority countries while Nigeria was a country where both Christians and Muslims were equal, but by numbers, it has the fifth largest population of Muslims in the world. The Director of the US Civil Liberties Union Omar has said that USA should not extend its policy of not providing visas to people. US President Donald Trump is on an anti-Muslim policy and this is harming the business industries and universities. USA has also refused to give visas to pregnant women."

Spies of Saudi Arabia Arrested

According to **Inqilab** (February 5), "Denmark has arrested three persons for spying for Saudi Arabia. These persons had been under the radar of security agencies for some time. It is suspected that these persons are linked to a terror group that attacked an army parade in Iran in September 2018. 24 people were killed in this attack. Denmark Police have said that they are linked to an Arabic intelligence agency ASMLA, which has been fighting for a separate country for

Arabs living in Iran."

"The security and intelligence agency of Denmark PET has alleged that the three Iranians have been spying for Saudi Arabia from 2012 to 2018. An Iranian intelligence agency tried to kill one of these three men in 2018. The Director of the secret agency said that this was a very serious matter. They could not allow foreigners to create disturbances in their country. Some Saudi spies had been arrested in Denmark earlier too." ■

Germany Refuses to Ban Burqa

According to **Inqilab** (February 5), "In the Hamburg city of Germany, Education Department was in news for directing the mother of a girl not to send her to school wearing burqa. The mother challenged the decision in court and the court has said that the state education department did not have rights to make such decisions. This decision has created a huge controversy in Germany and there are demands to amend the law. One MP has said that every student is equal in schools, irrespective of their culture or religion. Wearing burqa in schools creates discrimination."

This has sparked off a national



debate in Germany. The ruling party CDU and Free Democratic Party (FDP) have been asking for this for a long time, whereas the Green Party is against any kind of ban. It believes that the German law permits every individual to practice his religion and culture and the government does not have any right to interfere in these matters." ■

Mosque Being Developed in Slovenia

According to **Inqilab** (February 5), "Muslims living in Slovenia have been striving for the last 50 years to have a mosque. In 1960, they filed a petition for this, but at that time Slovenia was a part of Yugoslavia and not an independent country. Its communist government did not give permission for this. The government changed in the '90s, but still Christians were opposed to a mosque."

"The population of the Catholic



Christians is 73 percent, in Slovenia, while Muslims form only 4 percent. The construction of the mosque started in 2013 and the Qatar government gave financial assistance for its building. It was inaugurated by Mufti Nedžad Grabus, the top most Muslim leader in Slovenia. He

told people that their lives would take a new turn once they started praying in the mosque. He has thanked the Qatar government for its financial support." ■

The Netherlands to have the Largest Cemetery

According to **Sahafat** (February 3), "Muslims of the Netherlands are trying to build a cemetery, which would be the largest in Europe capable of burying 1700 dead bodies. This cemetery is coming up in the city of Groningen. They have created a new organisation for this purpose. The Netherlands' Muslim leader Hamid Amrino said that Muslims living in the Netherlands wanted to be buried there. The present generation of Muslims feels that they are Dutch and the Netherlands is their country, and hence they should live and die in their own country. As of now, the bodies of Muslims who die there are sent back to their native countries for burial. An amount of more than 4 lakh Euros is expected to be spent on this of which 2 lakh dollars have been collected. Many Gulf countries have offered to help in this work, but the Netherlands' Muslims are not willing to accept this help. The population of Muslims in the Netherlands is 8.5 lakh."

"According to Islam, once a Muslim dies, the place where he is buried belongs to him permanently, whereas in European countries, cemeteries can be taken in rent for burial. After this, the cemetery is dug again and some other Muslim is buried there. That is why Muslims of the Netherlands are trying that their bodies should be sent to their native countries like Morocco and Turkey, where they will have a permanent place."

"According to the latest information, at least 8,000 Euros will be needed for each cemetery in the Netherlands. A similar situation is arising in Germany, where there are a large number of Muslims. They are mostly of Turk-origin and also want to be buried in Germany itself. As of now, their dead bodies are buried in a corner among the cemeteries of Germany. The maximum population of Muslims in Germany is in the city of Nordhorn. Now preparations are being made to bury Muslims there." ■

CIA Official behind General Soleimani's Death Killed



CIA officers were scattered on the spot. It has also published the pictures of the damaged aircraft. Military experts are surprised about how the Taliban had managed to bring down such a technically advanced aircraft? The US Defence Ministry has admitted that it had lost an E-11 type aircraft but refused to give any more information."

According to **Inquilab** (January 29), "The Taliban has shot down an US Army plane. It is believed that many senior officials of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) were travelling in this aircraft. It also had the secret Commander of the CIA Michael D'Andrea who is one of the most powerful leaders of the group active in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan. It is said that the Taliban had targeted them to avenge the death of Iranian official Soleimani."

"According to knowledgeable sources, around 100 senior US officers were killed in the downing of the aircraft. A special group of US officials were being sent to Afghanistan to identify and check the bodies of the victims in the debris. US officials said that they had information about this incident, but they would not share this as it is confidential. On the other hand, the Taliban has taken responsibility for this attack in the city of Ghazni. It has revealed that the bodies of several senior

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 28), "The US Army has launched a fresh offensive against the Taliban. The Taliban militants are being attacked both through land and air power and at least 51 Taliban militants have been killed in these attacks. The people of the region of Balkh have protested outside the governor's office because there have been some civilian casualties also, including women and children. The governor has assured them that these attacks would be investigated. The Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid declared that several Afghan security posts in Kandahar had been attacked in which at least 10 US soldiers had been killed and three injured. The Taliban had also snatched a number of arms and ammunition from the government troops. In another statement, it said that it had attacked a caravan of Afghan troops in Balkh and killed eight official security officers."

West Asia Peace Plan in Disarray



The so-called peace plan proposed by the US President Donald Trump for the division of Palestine has been rejected by the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC).

According to **Inquilab** (January 29), "The US President Donald Trump has talked of a peace plan for the Middle East by creating a Palestinian state. But it has simultaneously suggested that the colonies created by Israel in this area should be recognised. The plan suggests making Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. This is a practical plan, which would prevent Israelis and Palestinians from being uprooted from their homes. This

announcement was made by Trump and the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House. President Trump said that maybe this peace plan is the last chance for the Palestinians."

According to the newspaper, "This plan was prepared by the son-in-law of Trump, which has been called the 'Deal of the Century' by some experts. It aims at finding a solution to the longest-running dispute in the world. Israel had thanked USA for this plan, but Palestine had already rejected this deal. Thousands of Palestinians protested at the Gaza Strip against this and Israel bolstered its troops in the areas under its jurisdiction to prevent

demonstrations. Commenting on this, Israeli prime minister called White House the biggest friend of Israel and said that this was the biggest gift of this century and they would not let this go. According to sources, Netanyahu would also talk to the Russian President about this."

According to another news story, "The Palestinian government had condemned this plan and asked every country to reject it. It claimed that the so-called peace plan would complicate the Palestine-Israel dispute instead of resolving it. The spokesperson of the Israeli government said that the plan was aimed at handing over the occupied area of Jerusalem to Israel. Israel has started a war against the United Nations and the Palestinians. All offices of Palestine in Washington have been closed down. He said that the people of Palestine had rejected the so-called US peace plan because it was one-sided. Its aim was to destroy the solution of the problem instead of addressing it. He said that this deal was made to save Netanyahu from going to jail. He said that it was aimed at giving recognition to the forced occupation of people who is in their territory."

According to Inquilab (February 4), "The OIC has rejected the US peace plan for the Middle East. The 57-member body has asked its members not to offer any support to the US government regarding this plan. The US President had offered this plan on 28 January, 2020. The proposal has already been rejected by Palestine and the OIC has said that this could not be implemented without the support of its members. The session of the OIC was held in the Saudi city of Jeddah, where it was studied in detail. According to a statement read at the

session, the peace solution should have been fair and just to every stakeholder, but it was one-sided and did not satisfy the Palestinians. The OIC has said that it stands for a free Palestine and it would not tolerate any plan, which was not in the Palestinians' interest."

"Under this plan, the western areas around the Jordan Valley and the Jordan River would be merged with Israel, Jerusalem would be handed over to Israel and some areas of Palestine would be turned into demilitarised zones. The plan also had a proposal to give limited autonomy to some areas of the occupied Western Bank, while Israel had been authorised to merge all the Jewish colonies into Israel and take control of the whole Jerusalem."

According to another news story, "The Saudi government has prevented an Iranian delegation from attending the session of the OIC. The Saudi government had refused to issue visas to the Iranian delegation, which wanted to participate in the session."

According to Etemaad (January 31), "The OIC General Secretary has stated that the entire area of East Jerusalem was an inseparable part of Palestine. He said that the OIC was studying the proposal of Donald Trump, but he emphasised that any solution to this problem should be according to international laws. Turkish President Erdogan has rejected Trump's proposal, saying that Jerusalem was a sacred place for Muslims and it could not be handed over to Israel under any condition. He said that the so-called peace proposal was not meant to establish peace in the region. The spokesperson of Iranian Foreign Affairs Ministry Abbas Araghchi said that Iran was not ready to accept the

proposal of USA. We will cooperate with all the countries of the OIC and appeal to all the countries of the OIC to work together so that they could face the attacks by USA."

"Pakistan has also rejected this peace plan of USA and said that a Palestinian state should be created according to the borders before 1967. The spokesperson of Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said that Pakistan wanted a solution to the problem of Palestine on the basis of proposals of the Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly. Pakistan supports a permanent solution to the problem through talks. Syria has called this plan the most disgusting political crime in history. The spokesperson of the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that USA was not for peace in the Middle East but to protect Israel. USA wanted to justify the illegal occupation of the Palestinian territory by Israel. The Arab League has termed this as the biggest fraud of history."

According to Inquilab (February 3), "The Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has said that this plan of USA was shameful for Muslims. We have no alternative but to oppose this plan, and we will face USA together. He said that this proposal was a black page in the history of Islam, which could not be accepted at any cost."

According to another report, "Turkish President Erdogan met Ismail Haniyeh, the chief of Hamas, a jihadi organisation of Palestine, and said this plan of the US President must be foiled at any cost. This was a disruptive plan of USA and was aimed at gobbling up the territory of Jerusalem by Israel."

Comment: The Israel-Palestine dispute is very old. It began with the Jews of the world getting settled in Palestine. About 53 years ago, Israel occupied the western

parts of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, which made it more complex. Although during this period, Israel tried to improve its relations with Egypt and Jordan, but its dispute with Palestine continued. In 1948, two states were created in this area, but Palestinians never accepted the establishment of Israel and kept on fighting to regain their territory. In the First World War, Jews started demanding that they should have their own state. They also asserted that they had been removed from the land occupied by the Palestinians and did not have any land of their own. Along with this, the Arabs in Palestine also started protesting against the concept of any separate Israeli state.

When Jews started settling in large numbers in 1920 in Jerusalem and then in 1921 in Jaffa, there were massive riots in 1929 in which hundreds of Jews were killed and they had to vacate Hebron and Gaza regions. In 1930, the Arabs launched an armed struggle against the Jews. Sheikh Izz ad-Din al-Qassam started a jihadi organisation called the 'Black Hand', which started a bloody armed struggle against the Jews in 1936. Qassam was killed by the British and this only worsened the situation. Between 1936 and 1939, the Arabs started a struggle against the British and the Jews. The British set up Peel Commission, which presented a plan for the division of Palestine. This was opposed by most of the Arabs of Palestine, but two main Jewish leaders accepted it. Meanwhile, the Second World War had begun. In this war, the Palestine Regiment, consisted of Jews and Arabs, participated on behalf of the British and fought the Germans in North Africa."

After the end of the Second World War, a large number of Jews were brought

in from Poland and Germany and settled in Palestine. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations passed a resolution to divide Palestine into two parts, comprising a Jewish state and an Arab state. The sacred city of Jerusalem was also partitioned in two. The Arabs opposed this proposal with all their might. Abd al-Qadir al-Husseini and Hasan Salama led an armed struggle. On the other hand, the Jews created three militias to fight them. On May 14, 1948, Israel was officially created but this was opposed by the Arabs. At least 15,000 people lost their lives in this fight. In 1949, Israel occupied a lot of Palestinian land and the West Bank of the Jordan River and also captured the Gaza Strip from Egypt. But the Arab league did not accept this. In 1950, Jordan and Egypt supported the Palestinian militia and started attacking the Israel-occupied areas.

In 1956, Israel captured the Gaza Strip again from Egypt and the exiled All-Palestine Government was established. In 1959, the United Arab Republic was established. In 1964, a new organisation called the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was set up to liberate Palestine from Israel, which was led by Yasser Arafat. In 1967, Israel captured back the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of Jordan River from Egypt in the six-day war. The PLO established its headquarters in Jordan. But in 1970, the PLO, due to the civil war in Jordan and Palestine, faced a heavy defeat. The PLO started jihad against Israel in Lebanon and in the civil war, Palestinian fighters started attacking Israel in Lebanese Civil War. In 1978, Israel captured the whole area under 'Operation Litani', but soon Israel had to retreat from Lebanon. Palestinians had to flee from Lebanon and the PLO headquarters was

established in Tunisia. Due to the intervention of Israel in the Lebanese Civil War, Israel and Syria had a big fight. The jihadi organisations of Hezbollah and Amal captured south Lebanon with the support of Iran."

In 1970, Egypt and Israel had to sign a peace treaty under world pressure. Efforts for peace between Palestine and Israel for several years went in vain. The battle, which began in 2004, between the Palestinian National Security Forces and the Israeli Army forced Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to bring back all the Israelis from Gaza in 2005. In 2006, Hamas won 44 percent seats in the parliamentary elections and after this, Israel put pressure on the Palestinian Authority that Hamas should accept the Israel-Palestine agreement and accept the existence of Israel, but this was rejected by Hamas, again resulting in violence in this region."

In 2007, Hamas took over the whole of Gaza area after the war. In retaliation, Israel started sea blockade in the region in 2007. In 2008, the battle between Israel-Hamas became very fierce in which thousands of people were killed. In February 2009, both parties agreed to a ceasefire. In 2011, the Palestinian Authority tried to get the membership of the United Nations but failed. In 2012, the Palestinian representative was given a non-member state recognition by the United Nations and it was recognised as the State of Palestine. In between, many countries of the world tried to bring about peace agreement between the two countries but remained unsuccessful till date. Recently, the US President gave a proposal to divide Palestine into two states, but this was rejected by the Arab league and the OIC."

Arms Supply to Iraq Stopped

According to **Inquilab** (January 29), "USA has stopped the supply of arms and ammunition to Iraq. The spokesperson of the US Defence Ministry has said that USA has decided not to supply the F-16 Aircraft to Iraq. The spokesperson admitted that conditions in Iraq were very grim. Three missiles were fired at the US Embassy in Baghdad, injuring several persons. The Iraqi Parliament has passed a resolution asking for sending back all the foreign soldiers."

According to another news story, "Representatives of 16 countries have condemned the high-handed attitude of the Iraqi government towards the protesters in

the country and demanded that a high-level inquiry into the death of demonstrators to make sure that no more innocent people would get killed. According to news agencies, ambassadors of several countries, including France, USA and Britain have condemned the excessive use of force against the protesters. These diplomats have said that the Iraqi Army was firing on them continuously to scare them. More than 500 demonstrators have died and thousands injured in the last four months. According to latest news reports, unknown people opened fire on the demonstrators, killing two and injuring 29 in Baghdad."

Ban on Israeli Passport Holders



According to **Inquilab** (January 20), "Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal has announced that Israeli passport holders

would not be allowed entry in Saudi Arabia. He said that they had no relations with Israel and there had been no change in its policy towards Israel. He said that unless a solution to the Palestine was found and all parties were satisfied with the solution, there would be no change in its policy. The Israeli government had recently allowed its citizens to visit Saudi Arabia for business and religious purposes. The Israeli Foreign Minister had also claimed that Saudi Arabia had permitted Israeli citizens to visit the country."

Revolt against the New Iraqi Prime Minister



a month. But looking at the vast divide among leaders, this does not seem possible."

Mohammad Taufiq Allawi had been a minister earlier too and held the communication portfolio. The president had asked Parliament to nominate a new prime minister, but when it failed to do so within the time limit, the president appointed a new prime minister himself. Taufiq is the brother of former Prime Minister Ayad

According to **Hamara Samaj** (February 3),"There was no respite from the unrest and demonstrations against the government in Iraq despite the announcement of Mohammad Taufiq Allawi being appointed the new prime minister by President Barham Saleh. In November last year, the protests against the government had begun after which the then Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi had resigned from his post. The government hoped that this would end the agitation, but the demonstrations continued, leading to the death of at least 1000 persons. Now the president has appointed a new prime minister, but the protestors have refused to accept him as their prime minister. The new prime minister has to constitute his cabinet within

Allawi. The 65-year-old new prime minister comes from Baghdad. He became active in politics after the removal of Saddam Hussain in 2003. In 2005, he was chosen as a Member of Parliament and he had resigned in 2012 after levelling corruption charges against the then Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki. Now the protesters are demanding the resignation of Allawi. He had announced that he would ensure justice to the families of people, who had been killed in the firing of Iraqi militia and action to be taken against the perpetrators of violence. The demonstrators are demanding that action should be taken against the corrupt before elections are held and that the unemployed should be given jobs." ■

Palestine Breaks Political Ties with Israel and USA

According to **Inqilab**, "The Palestinian Authority has condemned the US peace plan for the Middle East and declared cutting off all ties from USA and Israel. Mahmoud Abbas, the President of Palestine, has said that they would never accept the plan. Addressing the Arab League, he said that they would not maintain relations with either USA or Israel. There was an

agreement for cooperation with the CIA but that would also be off now. He said that Trump had tried to talk to him on phone, but he had refused because he did not want Trump to say that he had discussed the peace plan with us. He said that they were not ready to accept Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The whole Jerusalem is ours and we would not hand it over to anyone." ■

Rising trend of Divorce in Saudi Arabia

According to **Sahafat**, (January 30), "The liberal policy adopted by Saudi Arabia has led to an increase in divorce cases. According to government sources, 168 persons are taking divorce every day, which comes to an average of seven cases per hour. In 2019, the number of divorces per hour was five. The Saudi Gazette mentioned that 84 percent divorces were happening due to incompatibility between husband and wife. It also showed that 54 percent divorces are because of the mismatched marriages. The young generation is more likely to go for divorces."

"The survey pointed out that 81 percent divorces are due to interference of parents of husband or wife. The new generation of women are becoming aware of their rights and they are not ready to tolerate the dominance of husbands in every matter. The survey showed that in the last six months, cases of divorce have gone



up. The Saudi media termed these cases as cancer because this harms mostly the women and children. The Saudi government also gives loans up to 24 lakh rupees for marriages and after divorce, this money does not come back to the government creating a loss of 3 billion Saudi Riyals every year. Social analysts said that the more a society becomes liberal and secular, the more the cases of divorce happen." ■

Case against School Staging Play against CAA



According to **Etemaad** (February 1), "Two women have been arrested under sedition charges against a school of the Shaheen group in Karnataka. This includes a principal and the mother of a child. On 21 January, 2020, the students had participated in a play against the CAA after which the police lodged cases of sedition against them. The police claimed that there were comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the play. The police called up children aged between 10-11 to the police station to make inquiries. Many staffers of the school were also interrogated in this connection. A police officer Sridharan confirmed that the School Principal Farida

Begum and Najmul Insha, the mother of a child, had been arrested and they had not been able to get bail so far. The mother of the child said on TV that if there was any crime, then only she was responsible for it and no one else."

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (February 1), "The General Secretary of Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee Sachin Sawant has alleged that if Karnataka can lodge cases against children for staging plays against the CAA, then cases for staging plays in favour of the CAA should also be lodged in Mumbai's schools because many schools had been organising such plays in Mumbai."

Arrests for Triple Talaq



According to **Etemaad** (February 1), "The police have arrested a man named Nadim in the Kandhla town of district Shamli for giving triple talaq to his wife. The police said that his wife Bushra had lodged a complaint in the police about her

husband. She said in her complaint that she was living with her parents for the last six months after which her husband had given her triple talaq, and hence, action should be taken against her husband Nadim."

Budget for Minority Ministry Increased

According to **Inquilab** (February 3), "The Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has stated that the budget for the ministry had been increased by Rs 1,500 crore in the last six years. He revealed that the budget for last year was

Rs 4,700 crore, but this had been increased to Rs 5,029 crore now. This would be now used to launch welfare schemes. He said that the budget for the ministry was Rs 2,600 crore in 2010-11, which had been doubled now."

The Daughter of the Richest Man to Marry a Muslim

According to **Siasat** (February 1), "The daughter of world's richest person Bill Gates, Jennifer Gates, had announced on Instagram that she was going to get married to her Muslim friend and had also posted some pictures on Instagram of their engagement. Her would-be-husband is 28-year-old Nayel Nassar. They had studied together in the university. Nassar belongs

to Egypt but was born in Chicago. He graduated in 2013 while Jennifer did her graduation in 2018. There was no reaction from Bill Gates regarding this, but his wife has expressed her happiness on this news. Nayel belongs to a billionaire family of Egypt. The daughter of Bill Gates has written that they could not wait any longer and were going to get married soon." ■

Cleanliness of Kaaba

According to **Etemaad** (January 31), "2155 litres of insecticides and perfumes were used to clean the Kaaba. This program continues round the clock by a big team so that the pilgrims who visit the place can

perform their rituals without any difficulty. Kaaba and its related structures are washed thrice every day and this uses up 1,830 litres of insecticides after which 325 litres of perfumes are used." ■

New Prime Minister in Qatar



According to **Inquilab** (January 29), "Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani has been appointed the new prime minister of Qatar by the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. The Emir had earlier accepted the resignation of former Prime Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser. The new prime minister took oath as the chief of Amiri Diwan on November 11, 2014. He was a director in the Shah's office. The new prime minister was born in Doha in 1968." ■

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