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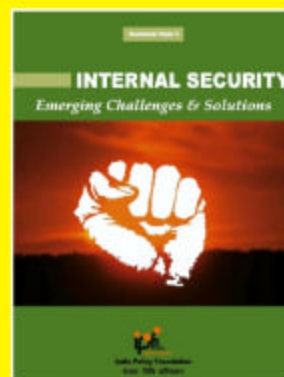
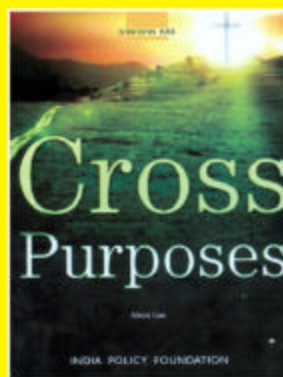
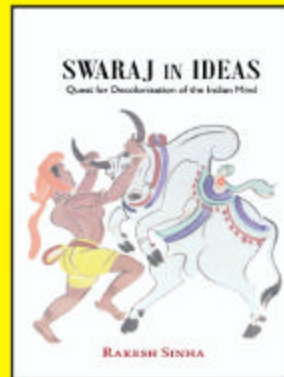
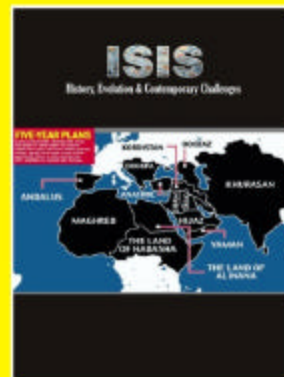
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Summary

Relations between America and Iran have been steadily worsening. Iran alleged that Donald Trump is pushing the world towards a Third World War with eye on winning the American elections. In a drone attack ordered by Trump, the American Army has killed the most popular Iranian General Qassem Soleimani. It is believed that Soleimani had a huge role in wiping out the jihadi Khilafat Islamic State (IS). The unity of the Islamic nations is in doldrums with it being divided into groups of Shia and Sunni. If a war begins among the Gulf countries it is bound to spread across the whole world. As far as India is concerned, its economy is going to be adversely affected by the rise in oil prices. Two-thirds of India's petrol comes from Iran and Iraq. One thing which is notable is that Indian Muslims have come out openly in support of Iran. This must have come as a shock to the Saudi Arabia rulers, who have been taking the Indian Muslims for granted.

The Rampur Nawab family's dispute over property worth billions in Uttar Pradesh had been going on for the last three decades. The Allahabad High Court recently ruled that according to the tradition of the royal family, the heir to the family fortune is the chief of the royal family. Accordingly, the eight claimants of the Royal family had been disqualified from the property rights. The claimants decided to appeal in the Supreme Court against this decision. The Supreme Court has announced that the property rights would now be divided according to Sharia law. According to the decision, there are 17 claimants now. Some of these claimants have shifted to Pakistan and their property would now be given to the Indian government under the Enemy Property Act.

The Maharashtra government under Uddhav Thackeray has recently included four Muslims in the cabinet. This is the first time in the history of Shiv Sena that a Muslim has become a minister. This time 10 Muslims have been elected to the Maharashtra Assembly. The Ittehadul Muslimeen has started expanding its base in Maharashtra and two of its members have been elected to the assembly. Incidentally, two Muslims have been elected on the ticket of the Samajwadi Party, which shows that along with the Majlis, the influence of Samajwadi Party is also increasing among the Muslims.

Pakistan's attempt to provoke Sikhs against India got a huge setback when a Muslim mob vandalised the Gurudwara of Guru Nanak in Nankana Sahib. The main reason for this was that the local Muslims of the area had last year kidnapped the daughter of the chief 'Granthi' of the Gurudwara and got her married after converting her. The matter went to court. Worried about the world wide reaction to the incident, the Pakistan government ordered the arrest of the culprits. Peeved by this, the Muslims attacked the Gurudwara and damaged it. This attracted reaction from Sikhs all across the world and finally Prime Minister Imran Khan had to order the arrest of the main culprit Imran Chishti.

NATIONAL

Dispute over property of billions of the Rampur Nawab family

The property of the Nawab of Rampur that runs into billions will now be divided according to Islamic Sharia law under an order of the Supreme Court. Some of the claimants of the property have gone to Pakistan and their property will now become the property of the Indian government under the Enemy Property Act.

According to **Mumbai Urdu News** (December 31), "The property of former Air Force chief of Pakistan Air Chief Marshal Abdur Rahim Khan's wife, Mehrunnisa, worth billions in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh would not be given to her. Abdur Rahim Khan was the son-in-law of the Rampur Nawab family. Mehrunnisa is the daughter of the last Nawab of Rampur, Raza Ali Khan. She left for Pakistan after marriage and is now a resident of America. The Central government is now planning to declare this as enemy property. The Rampur Nawab has property worth billions and there is a dispute about dividing this property, which has been going on for many decades. Now the Supreme Court has given an order in the dispute. 86- year old Mehrunnisa is among those who are to get the property. The court has ordered that the division of property should be completed by 2020."

"The District Magistrate has appointed two advocates as commissioners for this task. According to one Commissioner Kailash Aggarwal, the property of the Nawab includes Khas Bagh, Lakhi Bagh, Benazir Bagh and about a dozen palaces, besides hundreds of acres of land. The Supreme Court has ordered this property to be divided among 17 people, which includes 16 members of the Nawab family and one custodian. Former Member of Parliament (MP) Begum Noor Bano maintains that Mehrunnisa had left for Pakistan and is now a resident of America and had not come to Rampur for several years. According to a district magistrate, the property of people who had moved to another country after partition and accepted its citizenship would now be regarded as the custodian's property, which belongs to the government. Many members of the Nawab family have gone abroad and hence their property now belongs to the government."

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 1), "The Commissioner appointed by the Court, Kailash Aggarwal, had done videography of some of the properties of the Nawab. He said that Khas Bagh was

constructed over 50 acres, whereas 500 acres belonged to the palace, which was used for agriculture. The Rampur Railway station of the Nawab was also built on an area of 500 acres. He said that he was trying to complete the videography of the entire properties of the Nawab so that it could be presented before the Supreme Court and divided according to Sharia law.”

Comment: The Rampur royalty is one of the prominent royalties of Uttar Pradesh, which was established in 1773 by Nawab Faizullah Khan. This royalty has been ruled by 10 Nawabs of which the last was Nawab Raza Ali Khan, who gave up his royalty after Rampur was formally merged with India in 1949. He died in 1966, after which his eight children laid a claim to the property. According to the tradition of the family, the heir to the Nawab was also considered to be the heir to the property. After his death, his son Nawab Murtaza Ali Khan was handed the throne of the Nawab. But in 1971, the Indian government abolished the privy purses and this also ended their titles. This set off a process among his siblings to seek a claim to his property. The reason for this was that the last Nawab Raza Ali Khan had not named any successor.

In 2002, the Allahabad High Court declared that the Indian government had identified Murtaza Ali Khan as an heir to the last Nawab, hence his family would be the legal heir to his property. However, the other members of the family refused to accept this verdict and challenged it in the Supreme Court, which has now declared that the property would be divided among 17 claimants and it should be divided according to Sharia law. The Nawab family has been very active politically and Murtaza Ali Khan and his sister-in-law, Noor Bano, have been members of the Lok Sabha. In 2014, Qadim Ali Khan contested the Lok Sabha elections and he mentioned in his affidavit that he was the owner of land worth Rs 55 crore and jewellery worth Rs 76 lakh. According to the sources, the net worth of the property is being valued between Rs 7.5 billion and 15 billion.

Legal help to those arrested for opposing CAA

According to **Siasat** (January 4), "Senior Muslim leaders of Andhra Pradesh have appealed to Muslims to use their crores of money, held in banks in the form of interest, to provide legal help to those who have been arrested in North India for protesting against the Citizenship

Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC). The newspaper has argued that since taking interest is banned in Islam, Muslims don't use the interest they get in the banks and it is kept separately from the principal amount. This was the time that crores of this money deposited in the banks should be utilised for providing fees to the advocates and for arranging guarantors to the people, arrested by the police for protesting against the CAA. The state Waqf Board has announced that they would be provided free legal aid by the Waqf Board. Similarly, the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee has announced free legal aid to them, but there is no arrangement for providing guarantors. In such cases, the Muslims could use the money for providing guarantors to those who had been arrested by the police during the agitation."

"The newspaper has requested Muslim account holders all over the country to create funds for the welfare of their Muslim brothers. This could be started from various bank accounts in Hyderabad."

"Arshad Madani of the Jamiat Ulema has created a defence committee in Mumbai, which provides legal help to people arrested for terrorism charges. The families that do not have any earning member are also provided allowance for subsistence. Last year, this committee helped 590 persons with legal help. The chief of this committee, Gulzar Azmi claimed that they had been able to save hundreds of innocent people from being sent to jail."

Imran Khan faces embarrassment on the Kashmir issue

According to **Weekly Nai Dunia** (January 13) editorial, "Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's decision to call a meeting of the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) countries on the issue of Kashmir has backfired. Now, the meeting is scheduled to be held in April. It is strange that Pakistan is trying to hide its failure by presenting it as its victory, while the fact is that the OIC has once again played a joke with Pakistan. Pakistan has lost its face in the world on the issue of Kashmir, and Saudi Arabia has supported India on this issue, which means that Pakistan now has the support of only two countries - Turkey and Malaysia on this issue. Both the countries had called a meeting of OIC countries in Malaysia, but at the last minute, Pakistan refused to participate in it under pressure from Saudi Arabia. The Islamic world has been waiting to know what transpired between

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia regarding this conference. Pakistan has now convened at new meeting of the OIC to put up a brave face even though everyone knows that nothing would come out of it because Saudi Arabia does not want to get involved in this issue."

"Pakistani newspapers claimed that the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman, has confirmed that a conference of OIC has been called to discuss the Kashmir issue. Among the countries likely to participate in this, are - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Indonesia and some other countries. Issues such as Kashmir and CAA are to be discussed in this conference. Saudi Arabia has decided to hold this conference after the fiasco of the Malaysia meeting to maintain its supremacy in the OIC. It is believed that Saudi's Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud had taken Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in confidence on this issue during his visit to Pakistan recently. Turkish President had commented that Pakistan did not participate in the Malaysian meet due to economic pressure. Saudi Arabia had threatened Pakistan that if it attended the meeting it would send back 40 lakh Pakistanis working there and replace them with Bangladeshis."

"Pakistan was maintaining that it had not participated in the conference to maintain the unity of Muslims, but its claim was exposed by a Pakistani journalist. He said that Pakistan had refused to participate in it because of the pressure of billions of foreign currency deposited in the banks by Pakistanis working abroad. It is surprising that a part of the Pakistani media is presenting this as a victory of Pakistan. It is being said that Saudi foreign minister came to Pakistan, which showed how Pakistan was topmost in its reckoning. The question everyone is asking is that if the OIC conference is being held in April, will Saudi Arabia raise its voice in favour of Pakistan? What has the OIC been doing so far? Everyone knows that India and Saudi Arabia have such strong economic ties that Pakistan just does not fit into its scheme of things."

Four Muslims in Maharashtra cabinet

According to **Jadeed Markaz** (January 5), "The Shiv Sena- led Maharashtra cabinet of Uddhav Thackeray has included four Muslims in the recent cabinet expansion. What is interesting is that besides the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), the Shiv Sena has also made its lone Muslim MLA a minister. 36 new ministers have been sworn in the Thackeray cabinet. Nawab Malik has been sworn in as minister from

the NCP quota. He is considered a confidante of Sharad Pawar and has been elected for the fifth term. Earlier, he has been a minister in the Congress and the NCP governments. Hasan Mushrif has also been sworn in from the NCP quota. He was elected from Kagal region of Kolhapur district. He has been a minister earlier too and had defeated the candidate of Owaisi- led party in the recent elections."

"Aslam Shaikh was sworn in from the Congress quota and was elected from Malad West. He is being elected for the third time. Among the 44 MLAs of the Congress there are three Muslims. The Shiv Sena has also made Abdul Sattar a minister. Sattar had left Congress to join the Shiv Sena just before the elections and got elected from Aurangabad. This time, 10 Muslim MLAs have been elected to the Maharashtra Assembly. Ittehadul Muslimeen has Dr. Farooq Shah from Dhuley and Mufti Mohammad Ismail Qasmi from Malegaon. The Samajwadi party has also got two MLAs in the Assembly in the form of Abu Asim Azmi and Raees Qasim Sheikh. Three MLAs got elected on the Congress ticket, which include Amin Patel from Mumbadevi, Zeeshan Baba from Bandra East and Aslam Shaikh from Malad."

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 5), "Abdul Sattar has resigned from the Cabinet for not getting a Cabinet rank. Commenting on his resignation, Shiv Sena spokesperson said that he hopes he would take back his resignation soon."

Five alternative sites for mosque in Ayodhya

According to **Siasat** (January 2), "After the Supreme Court order to find alternative sites for constructing a mosque in Ayodhya, the Uttar Pradesh government has zoomed in on five alternative sites for the same. These sites are in Ayodhya, Faizabad road, Ayodhya- Basti road, Ayodhya- Sultanpur road and Ayodhya- Gorakhpur road. All these sites are outside the Panch Koshi area."

"The Panch Koshi Parikrama region consists of 15 kilometres, which is considered sacred and the site for mosque has been selected outside this range. The villages that have been selected for this purpose are Malikpur, Mirzapur, Samsuddin Pur and Chandpur. It has not decided which site is best for the purpose so far. The Sunni Waqf board has refused to accept any alternative site offered by the government. Similarly, the Shia Waqf Board has also not accepted the government's offer. According to Islam, a site where a mosque has been constructed once can neither be sold nor any alternative site be accepted in lieu of

it. That's why most Muslims are against accepting any alternative site or taking any money in lieu of it."

Racket of bogus licenses busted

According to **Mumbai Urdu News** (December 31), "The Central Bureau Investigation (CBI) has unearthed a racket where some officers of Jammu and Kashmir issued 2 lakh fake licenses for arms and ammunition. The CBI had raided more than two dozen places in this connection. It is believed that a former district magistrate issued these licenses. Officers who have been raided include Rajiv Ranjan, Asha Mudgil, Itrat Hussain, Salim Mohammad, Mohammad Javed and Jahangir Ahmad Mir. They had issued these licenses during their posting in Kupwara, Baramulla, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Rajouri and Doda districts. The case has been registered on the basis of complaints by Rajasthan Police. It is alleged that more than 1.5 lakh licenses were issued between 2012- 2016 in Doda, Ramvan and Udhampur."

According to the sources, "Information about issuing more than 4 lakh licenses were found of which 2 lakh were forged. Rajasthan Police has already arrested a few persons in this connection. Brother of a former IAS officer of Gurugram has been arrested and Rs 40 lakh was also recovered. It is believed that licenses have been issued to officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Now this matter has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Links of this racket have been found spread across Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana and other states. It is believed that all rules and regulations were violated after taking heavy bribes. According to a senior officer, many big names are going to be in the net in this scam."

World

Stoning at Nankana Sahib Gurudwara

According to **Weekly Nai Dunia** (January 13), "Violent demonstrations and stoning outside the Gurudwara Nankana Sahib in Pakistan have angered Sikhs not only in India but all across the world. There have been demonstrations against this across the globe forcing Pakistan to arrest Imran Chishti, the main organiser of this incident in Pakistan, under the anti-terror law. Last year, the daughter of the main 'Granthi' of the Gurudwara was kidnapped and married to a Muslim after conversion. This incident created a huge hue and cry in Pakistan, but the girl said in court that she had married of her own free will after which she was handed over to her husband. However, this year when she came to meet her family, she told the police that she was forcibly married after kidnapping. After this, her husband was arrested. The girl is now in the government women's home. The husband and his supporters attacked the home of the Granthi who lives in the Gurudwara. They also said that they would demolish the Gurudwara and build a mosque there and Nankana Sahib would be renamed as Ghulam Mustafa."

"As far as Nankana Sahib is concerned, it is known as the birth place of Guru Nanak Dev and is sacred for the Sikhs all over the world. This incident created a huge reaction in India. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Shashi Tharoor and Ghulam Nabi Azad asked Pakistan government to provide protection to the Gurudwara. Central minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal said that this incident has exposed the ugly side of the way minorities were being exploited in Pakistan. Sikhs protested outside the Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi. The Home Ministry also intervened in this issue and appealed to the Pakistan government to protect the minorities. Pakistan said that the video of the demonstration was fake and there was no damage to the Gurudwara. Pakistan claimed that two Muslim groups had clashed on the issue of payment to a tea vendor. The district authorities intervened in this matter and arrested the culprits. It said that the Gurudwara was totally safe and the news that was being circulated was done by mischief mongers."

Comment: There is no doubt that this incident has come as a setback to Pakistan's agenda to back Khalistani terrorism in India. Pakistan has always tried to stage such incidents to disturb communal harmony in India by putting the Sikhs against the Hindus. That's the reason why

Pakistan's puppets have been telling the world that Sikhs are not safe in India. However, the truth remains that Hindus and Sikhs have always remained united.

In Punjab, Hindus and Sikhs have been in a bread- daughter relationship. Whatever offerings are made in Gurudwaras, 90 per cent of it comes from the Hindus. Be it Haridwar or Vaishno Devi, Hindus and Sikhs form equal part of the pilgrims. It is, of course, true that after the division of Pakistan and formation of Bangladesh, Pakistan has been using a number of Sikhs as puppets to divide Sikhs and Hindus. Such incidents have gone up after Imran Khan took charge in Pakistan. It is well- known that in recent years, incidents of demonstrations against India in foreign countries are being organised by Pakistan's secret agency, ISI, which has been distributing money for this. Recently, Pakistan played a new card and it created a Gurudwara in a 55 acre area in Kartarpur Sahib. Kartarpur is at a distance of 10 kilometres from India n border. At this place, Guru Nanak spent his last days and took his last breath.

Pakistan created the Kartarpur corridor to influence the Sikhs across the world. It demanded that Sikhs should be allowed to enter the Gurudwara without visas. India rejected this demand and said that only those having passports would be allowed entry to the Kartarpur Gurudwara. Pakistan is trying to woo Sikhs from all over the world through this Gurudwara. The Pakistan government charges heavy fees from NRI Sikhs for visiting this Gurudwara. According to the Indian intelligence agencies, the Pakistan government is trying to brainwash the Indian Sikhs visiting the Gurudwara in the name of Khalistan.

According to the report of the Pakistan Minority Commission, in Pakistan, approximately 1100 minority girls are forcibly converted every year and married to Muslims. The ground reality is much more dangerous. The Tablighi Jamaat is very active in Pakistan. In an interview to the newspaper Dawn, Ghulam Ali Shah, the Pir of Sindh, admitted that their mission was to convert as many Hindu- Sikh and Christian girls to Islam as possible. He said that Tablighi is an essential part of Islam and believed that it was the duty of every Muslim to convert maximum non- Muslims to Muslims. Anyone who does not do this would have to reply to Allah after death. Thousands of Sikhs and Hindus had no option but to flee Pakistan to escape this exploitation.

Five lakh Muslim children separated from their parents in China

The **Siasat** (January 4) has alleged that "China has separated 5 lakh Muslim children from their parents and sent them to residential schools. Besides this, 10 lakh Uighur, Kazak and other Muslim communities have been kept in internment camps. This campaign has now taken a very serious turn. The parents of the 10 lakh Muslim children are not allowed to meet their wards."

Pakistani model's killer brother handed over to Pakistan

According to **Siasat** (January 4), "Saudi Arabia has handed over the brother of Pakistani model Qandeel Baloch to Pakistan, who had escaped to Saudi Arabia after killing her. On July 15, 2016, in a fit of rage he throttled her and fled to Saudi Arabia. The girl, Fauzia Azam, who had later changed her name to Qandeel Baloch, was killed by her brother Waseem as her family was very unhappy with her activities on social media. This had caused a chaos among Pakistanis."

The Pakistan government appealed to the Saudi government to extradite him to Pakistan so it could try him for the charge of murder. Waseem Khan told the police that he had killed his sister because she was bringing a bad name to the family. He was not ashamed of his actions and said that any person with self respect would do the same."

Anti-Muslim campaign in Czechoslovakia

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 6), "The atmosphere in Czechoslovakia is turning against Muslims due to their jihadi activities. The biggest mosque of the country at Prague was found to have been plastered with anti-Muslim slogans. According to local police, some unknown persons had threatened them that if people started spreading Islam in their country they would finish them off. Muneeb Hussain, a Muslim leader, said that they were getting threats on the Internet too. There are very few Muslims in Czechoslovakia. According to the 2011 Census, their number was only 3300, although, non-governmental sources put their numbers at 10, 000. The total population of Czechoslovakia is 1, 10, 000. Instances of attacks on Muslims are on the

rise in Europe. Last year, there were 800 attacks on Muslims in Germany and 40 mosques were targeted. According to government sources, there was an atmosphere against Muslims in Europe due to their hand been found behind many terrorist activities."

Death sentence to 29 officers in Sudan

According to **Siasat** (January 1), "A court in Sudan has awarded death sentence to 29 officers of the intelligence agency, after a teacher died in police custody during a demonstration against former president Umar al- Bashir. It was found that the teacher was tortured in police custody that resulted in his death. An officer said that never before in the history of the country had so many officers been given death penalty. Those who have been given the death penalty are planning to file an appeal in the higher court. The charge against the teacher Ahmed al-Khair was that he had been instrumental in organising demonstrations against the president all over the country. The government had claimed that he died because the food he consumed was poisonous and he had committed suicide. But, a high level inquiry found out that he died due to the torture inflicted on him."

West Asia

America and Iran brace up for war

American President Donald Trump has decided to thrust the world towards war because it is election year in the US. Iran's most popular General Qassem Soleimani was killed on his instructions and now Iran has started attacking the American Army bases to avenge this killing. Newspapers are unanimous in condemning this as an instigation for the Third World War.

The **Weekly Nai Dunia** (January 13) has carried a picture of Qassem Soleimani prominently with the title 'Trump has gone mad, threat of atomic bombing on Iran.' The second headline is - 'Qassem Soleimani killed by Trump, beginning of war between America and Iran.'

The title of the lead story in **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 9) is 'Iran's bombing on American bases, 80 American soldiers killed, revenge for the killing of General Soleimani, American President talks to the heads of Qatar, Germany and other countries.' There is another news story which says that "A plane of Ukraine has been downed in Tehran, killing 180 people, including 82 Iranians."

According to **Inqilab** (January 22), "Iran has accepted that one missile was fired inadvertently, which destroyed this plane."

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 9), "America has declared that it was preparing for a massive counter-offensive."

According to **Inqilab** (January 1), "Hundreds of demonstrators attacked the American Embassy in Baghdad and set it on fire. All the staff has been removed from the embassy on the instructions from America. The demonstrators were protesting against the American attack on the militia Kata'ib Hezbollah on the Iraq-Syria border. At least two dozen fighters were killed in these demonstrations. This is the first time that demonstrators have been able to reach the American Embassy. What is interesting is that there are several army posts on the road towards the American Embassy, but no Iraq Army personnel tried to stop them. The American Air Force has started attacking the jihadis as a counter to the attacks on the American Army bases in Iraq. The demonstrators were demanding closure of the American Embassy and return of the American Army personnel. Demonstrations against the government of Iraq have been on for the last two months and taken a toll of 500 people."

According to another news story in the same edition of **Inqilab**, "American President Donald Trump has blamed Iran for the attack on its embassy in Baghdad. One American officer has been killed in this attack and several others have been injured. He has demanded that the Iraqi government should take strong steps to improve the security of its embassy. The Iraq government had ordered three- day mourning on the killing of its militia workers. Iraqi Prime Minister Adil Abdul- Mahdi has accused America of launching these attacks violating all international laws."

The **Inqilab** has alleged in the same issue that "America is planning to destroy Iraq since 1990. In the 1991 war, it had killed 50, 000 Iraqis. America had brought in its army in Iraq after the killing of Saddam Hussein in 2003 and killed six lakh Iraqi soldiers in the last decade. It had installed its puppet governments in Iraq since then. American intelligence agency, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) started the Shia-Sunni fights in Iraq, but when it could not succeed, it started attacking Shia pilgrims like Samarra and Karbala. It was America that set up the ISIS and establishment of Islamic Khilafat.."

"What is surprising is that, neither America, Israel, Saudi Arabia nor any of the European countries, have asked how these organisations are getting modern arms and ammunitions? Actually this terrorist organisation was created to give America an excuse to maintain its army in Iraq. After the ISIS was finished off, it was said that Iran was responsible for this. Now America has opened its front against Iran. For the last four months, people of Iraq have been protesting against unemployment, inflation and corruption. America has tried to divert the attention towards Iran and that is why they attacked the Iranian Embassies in Najaf and Karbala. Now, America wants to push the world towards the Third World War."

According to **Inqilab** (January 6), "America has received a big shock in Iraq. After the killing of General Soleimani, Iraq's Parliament passed a resolution saying that it should end its peace- treaty with America. The Parliament has also decided that all American and foreign Army personnel in Iraq should be asked to leave the country and its land, air space and its waters should not be allowed to be used by foreign army personnel. Prime Minister Adil Abdul- Mahdi told the Parliament that all steps would be taken to expulse all foreign troops from its soil. He termed the killing of General Soleimani as political murder. He said that even though foreign troops were present in Iraq with its permission, the fact that General Qassem Soleimani was killed within

its border showed that this situation could not be allowed any longer. He said that as of now there are 5,000 American troops in Iraq but they have to leave now, although, this could create some problems initially. 170 Parliamentarians of Iraq have signed a letter demanding that American troops should leave Iraq."

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (January 6), "American President Donald Trump has warned Iran that if it harmed any American citizen or damaged its property, America would launch huge attacks on Iran. He said if any Americans were attacked, they would target 52 cultural centres of Iran. He said that Iran was threatening them, but they knew how to deal with such threats. Iran said that it had already declared war. It had put up a red flag on its historic mosque and the Iranian TV displayed this picture continuously. According to Persian traditions, putting up a red flag over a mosque meant beginning of war or taking revenge. Loudspeakers have been heard blaring appeals to Allah to send his protector to the earth. According to Islamic customs, the Imam Mahdi appears just before Qayamat and finishes off all the evils. Looking at the increasing tension, the United Nations and the European Union have appealed to both sides to maintain peace."

"Chinese Foreign Minister has also warned America not to misuse its military might. The Chinese Foreign Minister said that they were taking the warning of America very seriously. He also had telephonic talks with the Russian Foreign Minister on this issue. He said that they were taking the American threat very seriously and were trying to see that things did not go out of hand. The French President has also spoken to the Russian and Turkish Presidents on this issue. Britain has said that the situation after the killing of Qassem Soleimani must be watched very carefully as any war was not in the interest of Britain. Syria has expressed its concern at the developments in Iran and Iraq and squarely blamed America for this. As far as statistics are concerned, America has 10,000 air planes as compared to 513 planes and helicopters with Iran. America has 12,81,000 troops as against 5,23,000 with Iran. America has 48,422 tanks, whereas Iran has only 8,577. As far as submarines are concerned, America has 515 as against 398 with Iran. There is a huge difference between the defence budgets of both countries. America's defence budget is 716 trillion dollars, while that of Iran is only 6.3 trillion dollars."

According to another news in the same newspaper, "The body of Qassem Soleimani was taken to his home town Kerman for burial. Iran

has ordered three- day mourning for his death. According to another newsstory, America has sent 2000 troops to the Middle East. It is learnt that American troops in Morocco have also been sent to Iran."

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 5), "The American President has claimed that his country had finished off the biggest terrorist in the world when it killed Qassem Soleimani. He said that this was done on his personal orders, claiming that Soleimani had planned to create mayhem in the entire world and finishing off Soleimani was necessary to save the world. He said that he did not want to start a world war but prevent it. He said Soleimani was responsible for the death of hundreds of protesters."

Akhbar-E-Mashriq (January 5) condemned the killing of Soleimani in its editorial and said, "American President had done this to save his own post. The rival of Trump has said that Trump had tried to ignite a war by killing Soleimani. Pakistan has expressed its concern that this action would endanger the existence of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC). Spokesman of the European Union has said that America's action could endanger world peace and terrorism could raise its head once again. Iranian Supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini has said that the death of Soleimani did not mean the end of its mission. American newspaper Atlantic has said that Trump had pushed the world into war hysteria."

Etemaad (January 3) said in its editorial that "Tension was rising between Iran and America and America was solely responsible for this. The way Soleimani was killed showed that America wanted to thrust the Islamic countries into war. It appealed to Muslim countries to unite and fight against the enemies of Islam."

According to **Inqilab** (January 8), "More than 50 persons were killed in the stampede at the funeral procession of Soleimani. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has clarified that Israel was not involved in the killing of Soleimani. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has appealed to the Muslim countries to stay united against foreign attacks. General Hossein Salami, Chief of the Iranian militia Pasdaran Inqilab, had warned that the revenge for the killing of Soleimani would be so fearful that people would always remember that. He said that the defeat of ISIS in Syria and Iraq was the defeat of America and its allies because America had created the ISIS to upset the regime of Bashar al- Assad in Syria. He said that Soleimani is still alive and would always remain alive in the hearts of people and be a danger to America."

According to another news story, "Iranian Parliament has passed a Bill declaring all officials of the American Defence Ministry and other institutes as terrorists. This Bill was passed unanimously in an emergency session of the Iranian Parliament. According to another news story, America has denied a visa to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif to take part in the UN Security Council meeting"

24 punished for terrorism

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (January 1), "A court in Jordan has punished 24 persons to 15- year imprisonment each for planning terror attacks. They have been accused of being connected to the ISIS. Earlier, in April 2019, 17 people were sent to prison. According to the chargesheet, this group has been accused of planning attacks on Jordan's TV Channel, night club and the headquarters of the intelligence department with bombs. In the last three years, the courts in Jordan have punished more than 150 persons on this count."

76 killed in bomb blast in Somalia

According to **Inquilab** (December 29), "76 persons have been killed and several were injured in a bomb blast in the capital of Somalia. Many vehicles were damaged in this attack. The Islamic terrorist organization, al- Shabab is active in Somalia. According to the police spokesperson, the dead also included two Turkish citizens. Most of the dead are students. The al- Shabab has taken responsibility for this attack. Two weeks ago, al- Shabab had killed several people in a bomb attack on a hotel. In the last two years, 512 persons have been killed in car bomb attacks in Somalia."

200 arrested in Saudi Arabia for dressing inappropriately

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (December 31), "Last week, 200 men and women have been arrested in Saudi Arabia for wearing improper clothes. Besides this, 88 persons were arrested for eve- teasing of women in a music festival in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. Ever since Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman started a

liberalisation movement, this is the first time that such a crackdown has been ordered. The Tourism Department of Saudi Arabia has issued an advisory to tourists not to wear tight-fitting clothes and clothes that reveal flesh. They should especially cover their knees and shoulders, it says."

Attack on Army school

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (January 6), "Atleast 30 persons were killed and dozens were injured in an attack on an Army school in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. The attack took place when the cadets were assembled in the Parade Ground. Libyan Prime Minister has appealed to the people to donate blood for the injured. Civil war has been going on in Libya for the last one year. The head of the rebels is Khalifa Haftar. Libya has been in a state of civil war since the death of Gaddafi."

Foreign oil tanker confiscated in Iran

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (January 1), "The Iranian militia has confiscated a foreign tanker for smuggling of petrol. There were 16 persons from Malaysia on this tanker. This is the sixth ship confiscated by Iran. The ship was loaded with 13 lakh litres of petrol. Earlier, a ship of Philippines was confiscated on the same charge."

Others

Indian Shia le

ader warns America

According to **Inquilab** (January 8), "Protests against the killing of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani have also started in India. The Anjuman-e-Haidri trust organised a demonstration outside the American Embassy in New Delhi, where thousands of Muslims participated, shouted slogans against America and Israel. Many of the protestors were carrying pictures of Major General Qassem Soleimani. Addressing the gathering, Shia leader Syed Kalbe Jawad Naqvi said that if America attacked any sacred place of Shias in Iran, they would not spare any American citizen in India, irrespective of any outcome. He condemned the ABP news for calling Qasim Soleimani a terrorist and said that this channel was funded by the Americans and appealed to Muslims to boycott this channel."

"Warning the Indian government, he said that America had destroyed everyone it made its friend and it should be careful about America. He appealed to the government to make friends with Iraq and Iran, as it would solve our oil problems. Maulana Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Imam of Shia Jama Masjid, said that America was the new devil of the world and all the Muslims should unite against it. Syed Bahadur Abbas, General Secretary of the Anjuman-e-Haidri said that protests against America would spread all over the country. Special Majlis were organised in many Shia mosques and imambaras of the country, where tributes were paid to Qassem Soleimani."

Ban on slaughtering goats in Mumbai

According to **Mumbai Urdu News** (December 24), "Butchers in Mumbai were slaughtering goats in their shops till now, but this will not be allowed any longer. The lease of the permanent licenses issued by the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, have expired. The butchers took the matter to court, but the court has refused to allow slaughtering in the shops and said that they can only be slaughtered in the Deonar slaughter house. General Manager of Deonar, Yogesh Sethe, told that the capacity of this slaughter house is only 18,000, but the court said it could work in three shifts. The newspaper has said that meat prices are likely to soar in Mumbai after this ban."

Fine on calling wife a monkey

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 4), "A man has been fined 20, 000 dirhams in United Arab Emirates for posting the picture of his wife on social media and calling her a monkey. According to Arab media, the man divorced his wife and later put her picture on social media saying that she was a monkey, and a monkey could not live in his house."

"The woman filed a case in the court. The court confiscated the mobile of the husband and asked him to pay 20,000 dirhams as compensation to his ex- wife. Court also said that he had damaged the reputation of his ex- wife. While he denied the charge, after which, her lawyer presented all the proofs against him, showing how he had made fun of her and levelled baseless charges against her."

The popularity of Charminar

According to **Siasat** (January 1) , "Last year, 12 lakh people visited the historic Charminar in Hyderabad and took pictures from its top floor. According to government statistics 4000 visitors come to visit the Charminar every day, while the figure touches 5000 on holidays. Last year, one lakh foreign tourists visited Charminar, generating revenue of Rs 33, 42, 000 for the Department of Archaeology. Sources in the government claimed that this year the number would go higher. The building is currently under repair. The Department of Archaeology has also decided to spend Rs 10 crore for the repairing of the historic Mecca mosque next year.

Triple Talaq case in Uttar Pradesh

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (January 5), "A woman in Bulandshahr has lodged a complaint that her husband had given her triple Talaq over telephone. The mother of three children has complained that her husband had forcefully married her sister. When she protested against it, he gave her triple talaq over telephone. The women's cell of rural police had been asked to investigate the case. The woman has said in her complaint that she got married in 2009 in Bulandshahr. Now, she had got three children. In July last year, he took her younger sister to Ghaziabad and married her in court. When she protested against it, she was thrown out and her three children

were also taken away from her. Later, her sister got her marriage annulled, but the man keeps threatening her and her sister that they would be killed."

Rohingya arrested for having fake Aadhaar card

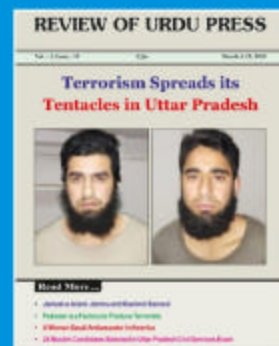
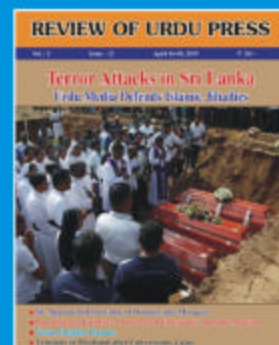
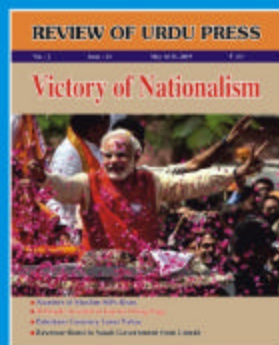
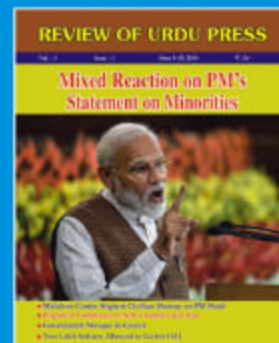
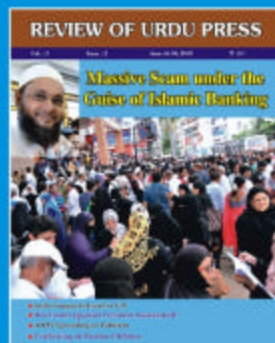
According to **Siasat** (January 6), "The Kanchanbagh Police of Hyderabad has arrested a Rohingya Muslim for obtaining an Aadhaar card on the basis of fake documents. It is believed that the 34-year old Rahimullah, a resident of Babanagar, had obtained an Aadhaar card on the basis of forged documents through an agent. When police got this information, it raided his home and recovered the Aadhaar card and sent him to jail. Venkat Reddy, Kanchanbagh Police station in-charge, said that the police had information that a gang was making Aadhaar cards on the basis of forged documents. The police is now trying to find out if the wife and children of Rahimullah also have got Aadhaar cards made on the basis of fake documents."

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12. Almi Sahara, Delhi
13. Aurangabad Times, Aurangabad (Maharashtra)
14. Jadid Markaz, Lucknow
15. Weekly Nai Dunia, Delhi
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