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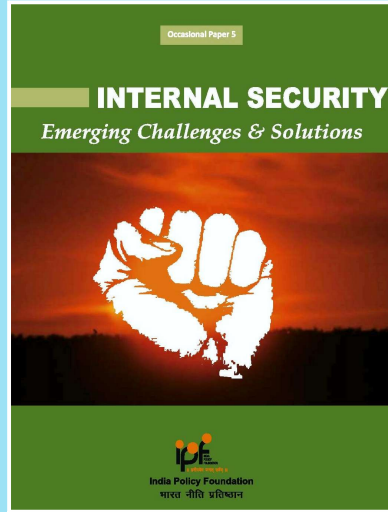
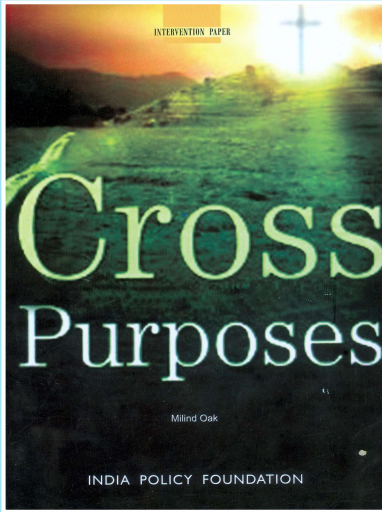
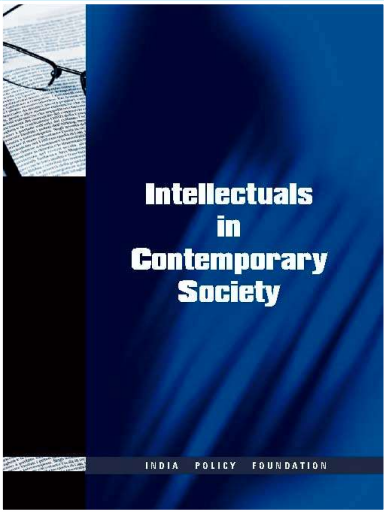
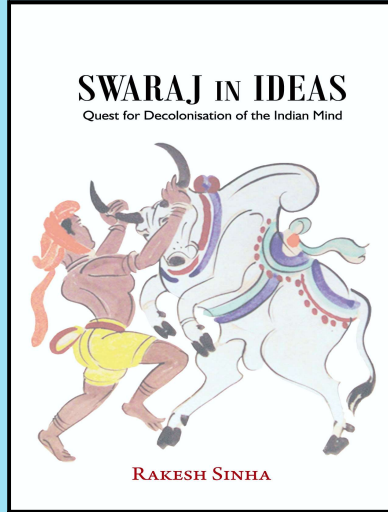
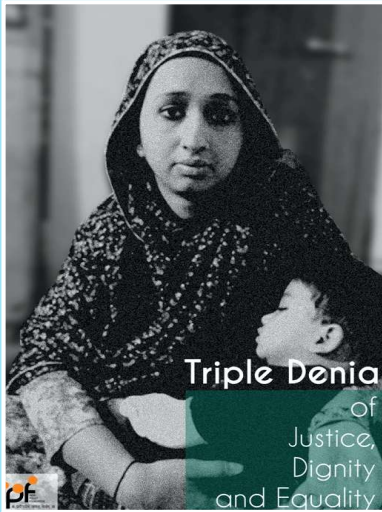
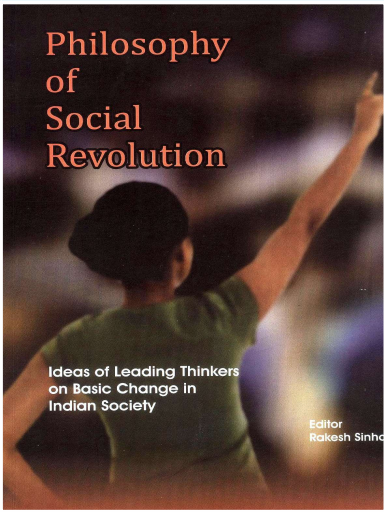
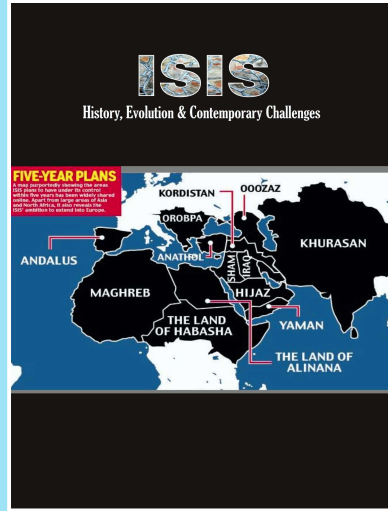
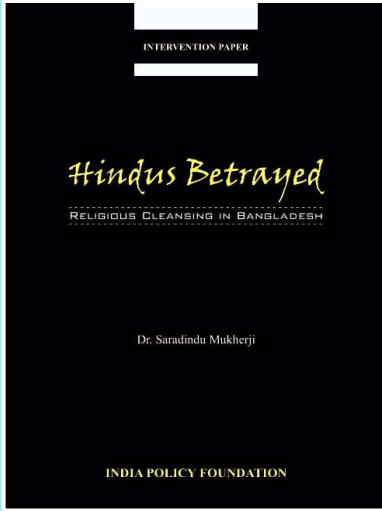
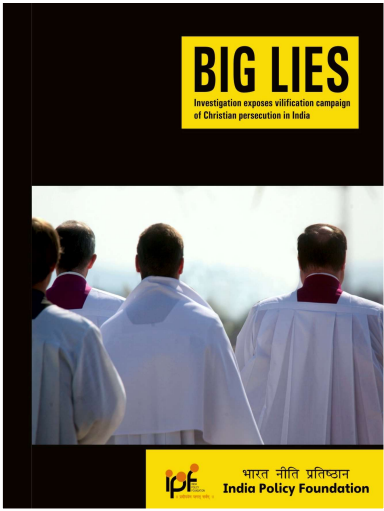
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Summary

Some mischievous elements have been attempting to spread hatred and violence in the country. Recently, a Muslim lawyer organised a press conference and claimed that Muslims were unsafe in this country and attacks were increasing on them. He said, "In such a situation, they should also use arms and ammunition to protect themselves". He also announced that training camps would be set up across the country to give Muslims training in usage of arms. To begin with he announced a dozen camps in the country, half of which would be in Uttar Pradesh.

Maulana Syed Kalbe Jawad Naqvi, a prominent Shia leader based in Lucknow, has also been singing the same tune and has announced establishment of a big centre to impart weapons training to the Muslims in Lucknow, where thousands of people could get training in usage of firearms.

These leaders have also been motivating Muslims to get licenses for firearms from the government in greater number. Certainly this hateful campaign is extremely dangerous for society. If Muslims get motivated to buy more and more firearms and get training in how to use the weapons, then in response other sections of the society may do the same. If this happens, then there might be a civil war like situation in the country. Which elements are behind all this? Who wants to create unrest and violence in India? Intelligence agencies should investigate all the people behind such declarations and take legal action against all mischievous elements.

The desire to recognise their ancestors before the advent of Islam in Pakistan is growing fast among many Pakistanis. According to BBC, a demand is increasing day by day in Pakistan that the last Hindu ruler of Sindh, Raja Dahir, should be recognised as a national hero and his statues should be erected in Pakistan. Notably, after the formation of Pakistan, promoter of 'Jiye Sindh Movement' G.M. Syed had launched this campaign many years ago that Pakistan should not consider foreign invaders such as Muhammad bin Qasim, Mahmud of Ghazni, Muhammad Ghorī and Babar as their heroes, rather it should consider those who were born in the land of Pakistan, as national heroes, irrespective of their religion. The extremist rulers of Pakistan had suppressed that movement brutally, but now it appears that the movement is regaining shape.

Delhi Waqf Board has started taking strict action against the Imams and Maulanas who participate in discussions on the TV channels. Recently an Imam was sacked from service. Waqf Board President Amanatullah Khan says that Imams who go to TV channels do not pay attention to their work, and instead of praying in mosques, they rush to show their face on TV channels. This creates an impact on the work of mosques. He said, "Waqf Board gives monthly salary and allowance to the Imams of mosques. In such a situation, they should pay more attention to Imamāt and leading Namāz." ■

Dangerous Intentions to Incite Riots

A Muslim lawyer Mahmood Paracha has created a controversy by announcing at a press conference that because Muslims are not feeling safe in the country, therefore they should use weapons to protect themselves. Along with that, he also announced that the camps would be organised across the country to train Muslims in use of weapons. He said that Muslims should also try to get weapons licenses for self-defence.

As per **Dainik Inquilab** (July 12), Mahmood Paracha said that minorities were being killed like animals in the country, and the police and government had failed to provide protection to them. "So for our own safety, it is necessary to protect ourselves within the law. We have the legal right to protect ourselves. Under this law, people can use weapons for their safety." He said that minorities across the country should get the license to keep weapons, and added that he was ready to help the Muslims get weapons' license and organise camps for training to use weapons. He claimed that Section 99 and 100 of the Indian Penal Code had empowered people to not only take up arms for their protection, but kill others too.

Paracha also claimed that the Shia Muslims's leader Maulana Kalbe Jawad would organise a camp in Lucknow, in which thousands of people would be trained to use weapons.

When Paracha was asked that whether he was instigating Muslims for violence, he claimed that law allowed

Muslims to use weapons for self-defence. "If someone violates the law and misuses it, then legal action can be taken against him. Minorities will have to take up arms to protect themselves because there is no other way left." Paracha also alleged that the government was openly protecting those who killed people like Akhlaq and Tabrez. Deliberately cases are made in such a way that culprit don't get punished."

In response to a question he said that it was unlikely to spread violence, and Muslims only want the right to self-defence. "Those who kill minorities get strength from the government and if people will have weapons then those who attack them will be intimidated, because of which the crowd will not dare to kill anybody. Our intention is to bring security in the country and not to provoke or promote terrorism."

He said that 'Manav Raksha Samiti' (Human Defence Committees) would be formed to protect Muslims from the 'Gauraksha Samiti' goons. Paracha alleged that RSS and its organisations were creating a toxic environment in the country by raising issues such as 'Gauraksha', Love Jihad, Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Jai Shri Ram etc., and in such a situation, the only effective weapon for Muslims was right to defend oneself, which was also mentioned in the IPC.

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (July 12) quotes Paracha: "At the behest of the ruling party, the process of killing human beings under the guise of cow protection is growing day-by-day. One year ago, the Supreme Court asked the government to

make a law to stop the mob lynching. But the government did not make any law in this regard. In such a situation, under the Arms Act, 1959, minorities and other weaker sections should protect themselves by taking up arms. The Prime Minister condemns these mob killings but these incidents have increased in number. It is surprising that those who kill innocent people are welcomed with bouquets and those who are beaten to death by the crowd, are made accused of cow slaughter and cases are made against them. Recently, a minority official named Niyaz in Madhya Pradesh had to change his name to avoid being attacked by a mob." Mahmood Paracha appealed to the Muslims to take up arms so that the violent atmosphere that was growing in the country could be overcome. He also appealed to lawyers across the country to cooperate with victims of harassment.

As per **Hamara Samaj** (July 22), "To prevent the increase in the number of attacks on Muslims, Supreme Court lawyer Mahmood Paracha has advised that they should freely use weapons for self-defence. He also said that it would be utterly wrong to claim that use of weapons by minorities would cause an increase in violent activities."

The newspaper claims that "Mahmood Paracha has been working to ensure justice for those arrested by the police in false cases of terrorism. He has said that some people nowadays are playing Holi with blood of innocent people and the governments have remained mute spectators. "In such a situation, the Constitution allows us to use licensed weapons in self-defence." When he was asked about the possibilities of rising conflicts between the majority and

minorities due to such a step, he said that it was necessary to create fear in the heart of those who kill Muslims in mobs. He said, "if a person misuses the licensed weapons then there is law to deal with such situation. But if the minorities using licensed weapons were trapped in false cases by the administration and the police, they would be given all kinds of legal help." He requested the Muslims organisations to buy as many weapons as possible and to get trained for them. When a reporter asked him, "wouldn't the peace in the country be threatened by the response from the majority to it", he said that security of Muslims was most important thing for us. "In view of the huge increase in the incidents of killing of Muslims by the mobs, it is necessary to combat it with weapons."

According to another report, Shia leader and Majlis-e-Ulema-e-Hind's general secretary Maulana Kalbe Jawad announced in Lucknow that a nationwide campaign would be launched to train the Muslims to use weapons. He said that initially 12 such camps would be organised, out of which six would be held in Uttar Pradesh. He said that in order to provide protection to the Muslims in today's situation, there is no alternative except to take up arms in self-defence. He said that Muslims should collect arms and ammunition using license and camps will be organised to get licenses. "We are also campaigning for organising such camps and legal experts will also support us in this regard. But people having criminal tendencies should not be given license for weapons." He claimed that the government's announcement to make a law to stop the incidents of mob killings was just eyewash. ■

Former VP Hamid Ansari in a Controversy

Inquilab (July 7) has reported that some former officials of India's secret intelligence agency RAW have made serious allegations against the former Vice President Hamid Ansari. "In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, these officials have claimed that when Hamid Ansari was Ambassador in Iran, he did not act responsibly, and did not protect the interests of RAW and the country. It has also been mentioned in this letter that Ansari, in association with the Iranian government and its intelligence agency, damaged the covert operation of the Indian intelligence agency RAW, going against national interest. N. K. Sood, who retired from RAW in 2010, told 'Sunday Guardian' newspaper that Hamid Ansari had recommended closure of the RAW activities in Iran. Iran's intelligence agency 'Savak' was dissolved in 1979 and was replaced by a new intelligence agency. Sood has alleged that in 1991, Sandeep Kapoor, an officer of RAW was arrested in Tehran, at the behest of Iranian intelligence agency. At that time the then Indian Ambassador Hamid Ansari was asked by RAW officers to intervene personally and ensure release of Kapoor. But Hamid Ansari ignored the requests of the RAW officers and instead sent a report to the Indian Foreign Ministry that Sandeep Kapoor was missing and his movements in Iran were doubtful and he had connection with Iranian women too. These officials alleged that in the year 1991, RAW was keeping an eye on the Kashmiri youth who were getting training in use of weapons in a religious institute in town of Qom in Iran. Hamid Ansari disclosed to the Iranian government the name of the RAW officer who was keeping an eye on the

activities of these Kashmiri militants. In addition other serious allegations have also been levelled against him."

Note: Former Vice-President Hamid Ansari has always remained in controversy right from the beginning. He was born in Kolkata in 1937. His education was at Aligarh University. He started his career as an officer in the Indian Foreign Service in 1961 and worked as the ambassador of India in a dozen countries. In 1984, he was awarded Padam Shri. He was Vice Chancellor of Aligarh University from May 2000 to March 2004. In 2007, the Congress fielded him in the Vice Presidential election and he got elected. In 2012, he got re-elected for another five years. But in his farewell speech after 10 years as Vice President, Ansari claimed that Muslims were not safe in India.

On December 30, 2011, the last day of the winter session of Parliament witnessed heated discussion on the Jan Lokpal Bill in the Rajya Sabha in the aftermath of the Anna Hazare movement, and voting was about to take place around midnight, when Ansari took his seat as the chairman of the Rajya Sabha and suddenly adjourned the house sine die. Many opposition parties were united against the government and the situation was such that the government was about to be defeated. The opposition criticized Ansari for abruptly ending the session of the House and alleged that the Vice President saved the government. The BJP also accused Ansari of supporting the Congress party in his tenure as the Rajya Sabha chairman.

On the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the United Nations

declared International Yoga Day on June 21, and in 2015, the first Yoga Day was celebrated in 190 countries of the world. But Vice President Hamid Ansari did not participate in the program. BJP General Secretary Rana Madhav also questioned the absence of Ansari. In 2015, Ansari was also in the controversy on the issue of not opening the National Flag on the occasion of Republic Day. Interestingly, Vice President Ansari was quick to comment on a Muslim's (Akhlaq) killing. In September 2015, Vice

President Hamid Ansari openly preached that the government of India should remove discrimination with Muslims. Before this, Hamid Ansari also remained in the controversy about participating in the program of the controversial Islamic organisation Popular Front of India in Kozhikode. The BJP and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, while criticizing Ansari, had said that he should not have been involved with an organisation's activities whose activities are suspicious. ■

Uproar over Movie on Prophet's Wife

According to **Inquilab** (July 14), "a new dispute has arisen with Shia leader Wasim Rizvi declaring to make a film on Hazrat Ayesha, wife of Hazrat Mohammad. Wasim Rizvi also said that the actress Sonam Tripathi will play Hazrat Ayesha. According to Rizvi, it will be a digital film which will be released by the end of 2020. After this announcement by Wasim Rizvi, many Muslim leaders protested against the film. Shia leader Maulana Kalbe Jawad has demanded from the government that the shooting of this film should be banned. While Sunni leader Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahli has said that making a film about Hazrat Ayesha is against Islam. She is called the mother of Muslims and making film about her is anti-Islam, which can not be tolerated. He demanded immediate ban on the proposed movie. Imam Fazal Mannan Rahmani of the Tilewali Masjid has claimed that Wasim Rizvi is knowingly running anti-Islamic campaigns at the behest of his political masters and he is working to weaken the unity of the Muslims. Maulana said that many allegations of corruption against Wasim Rizvi were under investigation, so he

was doing such tricks at the behest of ruling party leaders to avoid going to jail. He said that before this, Rizvi had tried to spoil the relations between Hindus and Muslims by making a controversial film named Ram Janmabhoomi. Shaista Ambar, founder of the All India Muslim Women Personal Law Board, also condemned the film on Hazrat Ayesha and demanded from the government to ban the film and immediately arrest Rizvi."

The newspaper claims that Wasim Rizvi was making a film on someone, who was not only wife of the Prophet of Islam but also daughter of Abu Bakar, the first Khalifa of Islam. "Making a film on her, will create a negative environment about India in the Islamic world."

In another report, Maulana Amir Rashidi, President of the National Ulema Council, has alleged that Wasim Rizvi is facing serious allegations of corruption and therefore, he has adopted different types of tactics to avoid the law. He said that Wasim Rizvi had been dancing at the behest of the ruling party, and so he was expelled from the Shia society. He demanded that a case be registered against Rizvi and he be arrested forthwith. ■

Jamaat-e-Islami to Shift HQ from Delhi to Hyderabad



According to **Hamara Samaj** (July 14) Jamaat-e-Islami's mouthpiece 'Dawat' is likely to be closed, or it might be turned into a weekly instead of a bi-weekly. The newspaper has also claimed that headquarter of Jamaat-e-Islami may now be shifted from Delhi to Hyderabad. After the partition of India, the headquarters of Jamaat-e-Islami was established in Rampur. Then it was shifted to Mohalla Suiwalan in Old Delhi and was later transferred to 'Dawat Nagar' created in Okhla by Jamaat-e-Islami.

Hamara Samaj has also claimed that it had published news on April 8, 2019 that this Muslim organisation had been captured by the South Indians. "The new leadership that has emerged in the Jamaat-e-Islami mostly belong to South India. The matter of closure of newspapers was also raised in a press conference organised by Jamaat-e-Islami. Instead of giving a straightforward reply, the new Amir Syed Saadatullah Hussaini said that only the trust could decide about running of the newspaper 'Dawat'.

Hamara Samaj has claimed that out of recently appointed 9 office bearers of

Jamaat-e-Islami, five including the new Amir, belong to South India. Hussaini was born in Maharashtra, but has been living in Hyderabad for a long time. Of the sub-Amirs, only three Amirs Syed Aminul Hassan from Bangluru, Mohammad Jafar from Bihar and Mohammad Salim from Rajasthan, while the rest belongs to the south. The principal officer of the Jamaat T. Arif Ali is from Kerala. **Hamara Samaj** has claimed that the Dawat has its own private building and other facilities, that are now been sold at throwaway prices. Many of workers are also being discharged. Central Maktaba Islami Hind had 50 employees till recently, but now their number has decreased to 18. The publication of Dawat started from 1953 and its circulation was the highest in Urdu newspapers. After the emergency, it was converted from daily to bi-weekly newspaper.

It is worth mentioning that many Muslim newspapers have closed down recently; prominent amongst these are Milli Gajat, Quami Salamiti, Shahin, Azizul-hind etc.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (July 9), "Jamaat-e-Islami has announced the closure of its mouthpiece bi-weekly Dawat. Jamaat-e-Islami has given the reason for the closure as losses in its running. More than three dozen people will be unemployed; with many employees of central Islamic publication have already been removed from the job. Many of those who are becoming unemployed are aged 50 years or more."

Action against Imams Participating in TV Debates

According to **Inquilab** (July 9), "Delhi Waqf Board has intensified action against Muslim imams going frequently to TV shows. Imam of a mosque going to a news channel has been sacked from his post, whereas other imams have been instructed that they should not take any part in the debate on the TV channels.



According to the newspaper, the board has been receiving continuous complaints that some Imams were participating in the debate on TV programs and creating a funny impression about Muslims. On the basis of these complaints, the board has dismissed Imam Maulama Asad Falahi of Masjid Zabta Ganj, India Gate, from his post.

Inquilab claims that it consistently published reports that the Muslim participants in the TV channels debate failed to clarify the religious stand of Islam, therefore Muslims should refrain from participating in these. A delegation of the Imams who frequently visited the channels met the representatives of Inquilab and made it clear that they did not go to channels due to any greed but their objective was that the debate on these channels should not be unilateral and they could present the views of the Muslims in front of the public. The newspaper reported that a meeting of the Imams who visited the channels took place at the India Islamic Cultural Centre in which they announced that they would not go to any other channel except Zee news. Even

then, the campaign against the Imams continued on social media and some imams were threatened. Inquilab's office received many complaints on phone that Muslim leaders and Imams visiting channels were making Muslims a butt of joke.

Some people also talked to Amanatullah, chairman of Delhi Waqf Board, in this connection. The Waqf Board appoints the Imams in their mosques and gives them salary, allowances etc. In addition as per their transfer they have to shift from one mosque to another mosque. So, is it not necessary to seek the permission of the Waqf Board before going to the channels in such a situation? Later, Amanatullah said that the Board had decided that those Imams who were going to TV channels caused insult of the community and did not offer Namaz in their mosques. So, strict action would be taken against such imams. In this regard, Imam Maulana Asad Falahi of the Jabta Ganj Mosque was dismissed from his duty. Amanatullah said that the Board received the complaint that the Maulana went to the channel at the time of Namaz. "When we checked, we came to know that the Maulana was not in the mosque at the time of namaz but he was in the news channel. We have now strictly instructed that instead of going to TV channels Imams should focus on teaching namaz in the mosques. Otherwise, action will be taken against them and they will be sacked."

Dress Code for Visitors to Imambara

According to **Inquilab** (July 1), now there will be a dress code for visitors and restrictions on doing videography inside Lucknow's historic small and big Imambara. This decision has been taken by Trust Chairman Rajkaushal Sharma. Shia Imam Maulana Kalbe Jawad Naqvi said that this decision was taken on their demand. "We have been demanding for maintaining the purity and reputation of the Imambara for many years. By God's grace the government has accepted our demand."

Former President of Hussaini Tigers and leader of the Save Waqf Board movement, Shamil Shamshi has also said that it is necessary to maintain the reputation of Imambara. He said that Imambara was becoming the meeting point for young lovers, and therefore in 2014 the youth wing of Hussaini Tigers had put locks on the gates of Imambara. At that time, the then chairman of the trust, Anurag Yadav assured in writing that appropriate steps would be taken in this regard. Maulana Habib Haider of the Majlis-e-Ulema has also said that Imambara is not a picnic spot, but a religious place so it is extremely important to respect its sanctity. Since it is a historic site, many tourists come to visit it from different parts of the country and the world. Mohammad Haider, caretaker of Imambara said, "we have been asking the government for a long time to maintain the sanctity of the Imambara and I had written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this regard. Our demand was to ban the entry of tourists who visit Imambara wearing revealing clothes and also to put a ban on photography and videography inside Imambara."

However, hundreds of tourists visiting Imambara had to face a lot of trouble with these restrictions. They asked, "from where we can get new clothes now? The administration

should have given prior information about this restriction in newspapers."

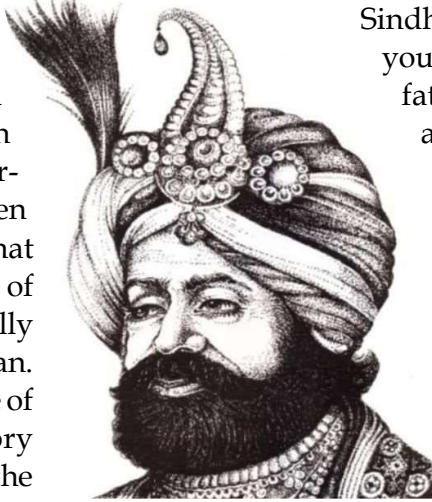
Note: Big Imambara is the historical heritage site of Lucknow. It is also called Bhool-Bhulaiya. It was constructed by Nawab Asaf-ud-Daula of Awadh to assist the victims during the famine. It was constructed in 1784. Imambara is considered a sacred place by the Shia community of Muslims. Tazia and other related items are kept here for processions on the occasion of Muharram. Also, in addition to paying homage to and mourning the martyrs of Karbala, many Majlis (gatherings) are organised here during Muharram. During Muharram, all Shia men, women and children wear black clothes. It is believed that in the battlefield of Karbala, Prophet Muhammad's grand children and family members were killed by Yadid. In the memory of this martyrdom, Shia Muslims celebrate Muharram all over the world.

The big Imambara has a huge hall which is 50 meters long and 15 meters high. Not a single iron hook was installed in its huge ceiling. There are 84 stairs to go to the rooftop of the building. Imambara has been built in such a way that the viewers are lost in the maze of its pathways. The imagination and creativity behind the building are amazing. Windows have been designed in such a way that anyone sitting there can see everyone entering the building and keep watch over them, but the person sitting in the window can't be seen by anyone coming in. There is an Asifi mosque built inside it. Also, many tazia's and other precious items of the Nawab era are placed here. The Imambara has a vast network of tunnels. The small Imambara, located near the big Imambara, was built during the reign of Nawab Ghaziuddin Haider.

Demand to Declare Dahir Hero of Sindh

According to the **BBC Urdu** (July 8), "in Pakistan after installation of statue of Sikh ruler Maharaja Ranjit Singh in Punjab and calling him 'Sher-e-Punjab', demands have been raised in Sindh province that the last Hindu ruler Dahir of Sindh should also be officially declared as a hero of Pakistan. After installation of the statue of Ranjit Singh, congratulatory messages are circulated on the social media that Punjab has given honour to its real hero. Quetta journalist Javed Langah has written on facebook that "finally, Raja Ranjeet Singh has come out from his Samadhi, situated on the southeast of the Badshahi Masjid, riding on a horse in front of the royal fort and has again appeared in his capital." He further writes that 'Punjab has been denying its true history for decades and trying to fabricate a fictional history, in which instead of real national heroes like King Porus and Ranjit Singh, marauders like Ghori, Ghaznavi, Suri and Abdali are glorified. These invaders had looted the resources of entire India, including Punjab, with both hands."

A person named Daram Khan wrote on Facebook that, "now it is time that children from all walks of life should be told the truth in schools and they should be taught their history instead of Arab and Mughal history." Addressing the people of Punjab, Journalist Nisar Khokhar writes that 'Ranjeet Singh was the first Punjabi who ruled over Punjab. If the Sindh government similarly installs a statue of



Sindhi ruler Raja Dahir, then will you not get agitated and issue fatwas declaring it un-Islamic and deceitful act?' Dr. Ishaq Samejo, Director of Institute of Sindhology, which works for protection of art and culture of Sindh, also supported the proposal that King Dahir be declared as the national hero of Sindh. He said that every community had the right to pay homage to the great

personalities who sacrificed their life for protecting their country. He said, "Ranjit Singh's history has been controversial, but king Dahir never attacked any country or oppressed people."

Who was king Dahir?

"King Dahir was the last Hindu ruler of Sindh in the beginning of eighth century. He was the youngest son of Raja Chach and the last ruler of the Brahmin Shahi dynasty. According to Encyclopaedia Sindhiana, thousands of years ago many Kashmiri Brahmins came to Sindh and settled there. After achieving political influence and power, Chach became the first Brahmin ruler after ending the 184 year long rule of Rai dynasty. According to historians, the rule of King Dahir was spread from Makaran in the west to the present Malwa and Rajputana in the east and from the southern Punjab in the north to Arabian sea and Gujarat in the south. Sindh was also major centre of land and sea trade. Mumtaz Pathan writes in 'taarikh-e-sindh' that, "king

Dahir was a judicious and impartial ruler. There were three types of courts, which were called the Kolas, Sarapnas and Ganas. Important cases would be forwarded to the king who had status like of a Supreme Court. At that time, Sindh was counted among the prosperous countries of the world."

Attack on Sindh

"In the beginning of eighth century, Baghdad governor al-Hajjaj ibn Yusuf ordered his nephew and young warrior Mohammed bin Qasim to attack Sindh. King Dahir fought bravely till he died. After his death, his wife took over the command of the army and fought the Arabs for several months. But finally the forces of Sindh were defeated due to betrayal by some people. The invaders captured the capital city Debal aka Brahmanabad, and killed more than 40 thousand innocent men, women and children. Hundreds of temples were looted and demolished, and Arab marauders plundered the entire country."

"Ali Koffi, translator of 'Chachnama' or 'Fatehnama', the first book on Arab history in Sindh, writes that the King of Sri Lanka had sent some gifts to the governor of Baghdad al-Hajjaj ibn Yusuf, but the boats carrying precious gifts lost way and were robbed by pirates near the Debal port. Some women were also travelling by these boats and they were taken into custody by pirates. Some people fled to Hajjaj and told him that the Arab women were calling him for help. According to historians, Hajjaj ibn Yusuf wrote a letter to King Dahir and demanded compensation from him and ordered him to return the goods and women who had been robbed. King Dahir replied that boats were robbed by the pirates and the piracy did not happen in the area under his control, so it was not possible for him to return the looted

goods and women. Sindh's nationalist leaders accept King Dahir's argument and claim that the Arabs had used this loot as an excuse to attack and plunder Sindh and their aim was to capture Indians and sell them abroad as slaves. A book titled 'Sindh ke Shoorma' mentions: The robbery on boats was done by pirates and it was absolutely wrong to blame King Dahir for it. It is also mentioned that Arabs had attacked Sindh 14 times before, but every time due to the bravery of Sindhi warriors, they had to face humiliating defeat and run back to escape from Sindh."

Rebellion by Alafi Brothers

"In Oman, Muwawiyah bin Haris al-Alafi and his brother Mohammed bin Haris al-Alafi rebelled against Khalifa, and killed Said, an official deputed by Hajjaj. So, Hajjaj ordered for their capture. According to 'Chachnama', Mohammed Alafi saved his life with his companions and sought refuge in Makran. It was a part of the empire of king Dahir, and thus began Arab attacks on Makran, but every time Indian warriors repulsed the attacks of Arabs and they had to run back every time."

Government Anarchy

"Before Dahir, his brother Chandrasena was on the throne, who believed in Buddhism and did not pay attention to military and defence because of his belief in non-violence. After his demise, Dahir took over the reins of power. According to Arab historians, the Buddhists and Jains had a very devious role in the victory of Mohammed bin Qasim against Dahir. According to Arab historians people of these sects believed in non-violence, but they supported the Arab invaders. According to 'Chachnama', Buddhist monks welcomed and helped

Mohammad bin Qasim in Nironkot and Sivastan during the attack and gave him secret information about King Dahir's army. Arab historians claim that this treachery by Buddhists and Jains helped the Arabs to defeat Dahir."

Daughters of Raja Dahir and Muhammad bin Qasim

"According to 'Chachnama', after conquest of Sindh, Muhammad bin Qasim sent two beautiful daughters of King Dahir as a gift with looted goods, in the service of the Khalifa. Khalifa Walid bin Abdul Malik instructed that both the princesses should rest for couple of days before they were brought to him. When they were called to Khalifa's harem later, he asked one of his officials to confirm which one was the elder one. The elder one came forward and said her name was Surya Devi. As soon as Khalifa removed the veil from the face, he was stunned by her beauty and dragged her towards him, but the girl rescued herself and said, "forgive me your majesty, Adil Imaduddin Mohammed bin Qasim kept us in his custody for three days, and after he raped us, he sent us to your majesty's service."

"According to historians, hearing this Khalifa Walid bin Abdul Malik got very angry with Muhammad bin Qasim and he ordered that Qasim be sewed in fresh skin of a bull and presented before him. When that command reached Muhammad bin Qasim, he was on his way to Awadhpur. The order was followed immediately but he died within two days. Some historians believe that King Dahir's daughters took their revenge this way."

Note: Recently, the Department of Archaeology of Pakistan decided to develop Mansura town near Karachi. It is believed that Mansura town was the ancient capital of

Raja Dahir. Many artefacts of eighth century were obtained from the excavation of this ancient city. Earlier, the tourism department of Pakistan used to promote Mansura claiming that it was the first planned city built by the Arabs in the Indian continent. But after the recent wave of Sindhi nationalism in Sindh, the tone of Pakistani historians has also changed, and they have begun to emphasize that the ancient city was the capital of King Dahir. Excavations have also recovered considerable remnants of ancient fortifications.

In recent times, there is a kind of competition among Pakistan's intellectuals to find out their pre-Islamic history. So far, the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent used to take pride in Muhammad bin Qasim, Mahmud of Ghazni, Muhammad Ghori and Babar being their national heroes and ancestors. But now a section of Pakistani intellectuals has started to change its tone. In Punjab, the Punjabi movement is gaining strength by the day. Supporters of this movement have begun to emphasize that their heroes can only be those who were born in this land. They are not ready to accept any aggressor as their hero. This is probably the reason that M. Qasim, Vice Chancellor of Peshawar University, recently wrote a detailed article in the 'Dawn' newspaper in which he emphasized that Acharya Chanakya and grammarian Panini were considered among greatest people in the world, but Pakistan was not ready to accept them as ancestors. Interestingly, some historians have also discovered the birth place of Acharya Chanakya, which is located in the Mardan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Qasim has written that culture and history form an eternal stream which can not be divided on the basis of religion. ■

Historic Hindu Temple in Pakistan Opens for Worship



Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (July 6) reports that, "Shivala Teja Singh, an ancient Shiva temple, has been opened for Hindus in the historical town of Sialkot in Punjab province of Pakistan. This temple was closed for 72 years. It is located on a plot size of one kanal. The Waqf Board has decided to open it for the Hindus. In this regard, an event was organised in which Hindu leaders Dr. Manawar Chand, Amarnath Randhawa and Pandit Kashiram etc. took part. Waqf Board Deputy Secretary Syed Faraj Abbas said that this temple was closed since the partition of India. Recently locals had urged Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan to open it."

"After the intervention of Imran

Khan, it was handed over to the Hindus. A Sialkot resident, Shivkumar said that the government had fulfilled its responsibility of handing over the temple to the Hindus, but the question is that whether they will be permitted to worship there or not. He said that his experience was that the Muslim hardliners living near this temple do not approve that Hindu do prayers (Puja-Archana) in the temple. "There are at least four hundred Hindus in Sialkot and we have only one temple. There is no statue in this temple at present, hence idols will be brought from Sindh and India." Earlier, the Government of Pakistan had handed over the historic Gurudwara 'Babe-de-beri' to the Sikhs in the year 2015 in Sialkot. ■

Libya's Mufti Azam Appeals to Boycott Haj

As per **Inqilab** (July 6), "Mufti Azam of Libya has appealed to Muslims around the world to boycott Umrah and Haj because Saudi Arabia has been using the taxes collected from it for the killings of Muslims. In this context Mufti Sadiq al Ghariani has issued a fatwa and said that the money given by Haji to the Saudi government in the form of taxes is being used for the killing of Muslims. "If you have earlier done Haj or Umrah and again go for it to Saudi Arabia, then it will be haram." Before

this, Mufti Yusuf-al-Qajawi, who is associated with Ikhwanul Muslimeen, had also appealed to Muslims from all over the world to not to go for Umrah and Haj. "Instead, they should stay in their respective countries and work for the welfare of the poor. In the eyes of Allah, it is better than Haj and Umrah." Tunisian religious leaders have also requested the grand mufti of country to issuing a fatwa, to stop the Muslims from going to Saudi Arabia for Haj. ■

Two Sri Lankan Officials Arrested for Lapse

According to **Inqilab** (July 6), "Sri Lanka's official spokesperson said that Sri Lankan police chief and former defence secretary have been arrested on charges of their failure to stop bombings in the country by Islamist jihadists on the Easter Day. Earlier, the government lawyer of Sri Lanka had said that because these two senior officials had failed to stop the blasts despite having prior information, they would not be forgiven and strict action would be taken against them. The arrested Sri Lankan Police chief's name is Pujith Jayasundara. British police system was initiated in Sri Lanka in 1857. This was the first time that a police chief was arrested in Sri Lanka's police history. The arrested former defence secretary is Hemasiri Fernando. Both of



these officials were detained by officers of Intelligence Department in two hospitals where both the officials got admitted for treatment. The attorney general Dappula de Livera has said that the government had prior information about the possibility of terror attacks in Sri Lanka. But in spite of this, both the officials failed to stop the attack. The case will be filed against both the officials under murder charges. ■

Balochistan Outfit Declared Terrorist Organisation

BALOCH LIBERATION ARMY



According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (July 4), the U.S. has declared the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) as a terrorist organisation and Husain Ali Hazzima, the leader of the jihadist organisation Hezbollah, an international terrorist. "The U.S. State Department has declared jihadist organisation named Jaish-ul-Adl as a terrorist organisation. The U.S. spokesperson said that these organisations were being banned so that they could not carry out any terrorist activity in the future. "Their property and bank accounts in the United States have been seized." Referring to the Baloch Liberation Army, the U.S. State Department said that it was an armed separatist terrorist outfit which aims to target civilians and army in the territory of Pakistan. This organisation targeted Chinese engineers in August 2018 and attacked Chinese Commerce Office in Karachi in November 2018. In May 2019, a hotel in Gwadar in Balochistan was

attacked by this organisation.

"According to the U.S. Foreign Department, Hezbollah was declared a foreign terrorist organisation in 1997. Unit 2000 is the intelligence wing of Hezbollah. Jundallah was declared a terrorist organisation in 2010. The organisation changed its name in 2012 to Jaish-ul-Adl and killed hundreds of Iranian nationals, including suicide attack in February 2019 and, kidnapping of security forces of Iran in October 2018. Due to the activities of these organisations, U.S. security has also been threatened. The U.S. State Department claims that it is their endeavour to break the financial backbone of these terrorist organisations. A spokesman for the Pakistan government welcomed the U.S. decision to declare the Balochistan Liberation Army as a terrorist organisation. Pakistan's Foreign Office spokesman Dr Mohammad Faizal said that the Pakistan government had banned this terrorist organisation in 2006 itself." ■

Pakistan Fined USD 6 Billion in Arbitration



According to **Etemaad** (July 15), "The International Arbitrator of World Bank has imposed a fine of USD 6 billion on the government of Pakistan, which is said to be the highest penalty in the history of the world. This penalty has been imposed for failing to give approval to a mining company in the Reko Diq project in 2011. There was an agreement between a Chilean mining company and a Canadian company, Barrick Gold Corporation, to start a project in Balochistan, but Balochistan government didn't permit the companies to start mining activities. Faced with this obstacle, both these companies

presented their claim against Pakistan in 2012 in the World Bank related International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes. In its 700 page decision the Centre has ordered the Government of Pakistan to pay 4.8 billion USD in penalty and USD 2 billion as interest. Prime Minister Imran Khan has ordered to constitute a Commission to investigate the imposition of penalty in the Reko Diq case. According to the Attorney General of Pakistan, this commission will investigate why Pakistan failed to present its case in the international institution and who were responsible for it?" ■

US President Warns Iran



According to **Inqilab** (July 3), "the U.S. President Donald Trump has warned Iran that it should not try to play with fire. This statement of the Trump has come after Iran has allegedly increased the amount of enriched Uranium. The U.S. President said that Iran was constantly violating the International Nuclear Agreement and it would have dangerous consequences. While Iran claimed that the increase in Iran's reserves of enriched Uranium is as per the nuclear deal. In a statement issued by the White House, it has been claimed that the U.S. policy will continue to increase the pressure on Iran and it will not be allowed to destroy the peace in the Middle East."

"Earlier, Iran's foreign minister, Javad Zarif had said that Iran had produced

more than 300 kilograms of Uranium. However, the nuclear agreement signed by Iran prohibits it to store more than 300 kilograms of Uranium. IAEA, the UN agency monitoring the nuclear energy, has confirmed that the reserves of Uranium with Iran are more than 300 kilograms, which is against the nuclear agreement of 2015. Israel has urged the world powers to impose sanctions on Iran. Russia, on the other hand has said that the pressure on Iran by U.S. has been causing the change in Iran's attitude. In 2015, a nuclear agreement was signed between Iran and the other major countries, including U.S. However, the U.S. withdrew from it later and imposed sanctions on Iran. These sanctions have badly affected export of Iranian oil." ■

Saudi Arabia's Special Facility to Pak Hajis



According to **Hamara Samaj** (July 15), "Saudi government has announced to provide special facilities to Pakistan's Haj pilgrims. So far this facility was available to Hajis from five Muslim countries only. According to this facility all the proceedings related to the departure from the country and related affairs in Saudi Arabia are completed at the airport itself. The Pakistan government has instructed the Hajis to reach the airport six hours before their departure, so that they face no inconvenience. Pak government has arranged for Pakistani passengers to reach Mecca and Medina via Saudi Airlines, Pakistan International Airlines and private companies from Islamabad. Boarding passes are now issued to Haj pilgrims by the concerned Airlines and their luggage is booked immediately."

"The return tickets of Haj pilgrims

are also confirmed immediately under this process. Then the Pakistan Home Ministry staff put their stamp on the passports after checking them. Every Haji's photo is taken and his hand luggage are also checked, they are not allowed to carry food and drinks. They should not have any sharp cutlery and knife in their hand luggage. Then passengers are brought to Saudi immigration counters. There Saudi government staff check them. The Saudi government has appointed employees who know Urdu, at these places. When the Hajis enter Saudi Arabia, they are not questioned at all but board buses and go directly to the hotels where their stay is planned. Foods and ab-e-jamjam bottles are provided as soon as they board the buses. In Saudi Arabia, their passports are taken from them, which are returned to them during their journey back home."

Restrictions on Political Activities during Haj

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (July 11), "The Saudi government has given the warning that Hajis coming during Haj should limit themselves to religious activity and must not participate in any political activity, nor should there be any political slogans, or else strict action will be taken against them. The Saudi Arabian cabinet has said that it is non-Islamic to participate in any political activity or religious

groupings by any person during the Haj. The government has also given strict instructions that during the Haj pilgrimage no one should be allowed to beg in Saudi Arabia. Any person caught begging will be arrested immediately and sent to jail. There were complaints that during the Haj, many beggars from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan etc go to Saudi Arabia as Hajis and beg there. This creates a very bad image."

Terror Attack on Hotel in Somalia



According to **Inquilab** (July 3), "terrorist organisation Al Shabab attacked a hotel in Somila, killed 26 people and injured more than 50. The attack took place when a conference of political parties was being held in the hotel. Despite tight security, a car filled with explosives entered through

the gate and more than a dozen terrorists jumped out of the car and started firing indiscriminately. In response, army took action and freed the hotel from the terrorists. At least 26 people, including two journalists, were killed in this attack. According to the official statement, four

terrorists belonging to Al-Shabab were killed by the army. A dozen foreign nationals were also killed. Al-Shabab is affiliated to the international terrorist organisation Al-Qaeda. Earlier too this organisation had carried out attacks in Somalia."

Campaign against Turkey in Libya



According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (July 1), "The Libyan army chief has announced that all Turkish nationals living in the country will be arrested. Turkish ships that enter Libyan waters will be targeted by guns. Libyan airports are now banned for Turkish aircrafts. The reason for this decision is that Turkish arms and ammunition are being provided to rebels in Libya. Recently, Turkey also provided drones to these rebels. The Libyan government has instructed the municipality of Benghazi to remove the boards written in Turkish

language from all the tea-houses, coffee-homes and sweet shops. The Libyan government has also decided that no one will be allowed to sell Turkish fast food, food items and sweets in the country. Apart from this, the sale of all the goods produced by Turkey has also been banned. The Libyan government has confirmed that in some parts of the country armed rebels are fighting with government forces. Libyan air force has also bombed the rebels. The rebels have claimed to have gunned down two Libyan aircrafts."

Case Filed Against Azam Khan



As per **Inquilab** (July 3), "A case has been filed in Rampur Civil Lines police station on the complaint of BJP leader Akash Saxena against Rampur MP Mohammad Azam Khan, his son Adib Azam Khan, Samajwadi Party's District President Omendra Singh Chauhan and 11 others. Akash Saxena has filed a complaint in which he alleged that Azam Khan, while give prize in the Khushboo Marriage Hall on the night of June 29, 2019, used derogatory words for his rival MP candidate Jaya Prada. According

to another report, BJP and women organisations have protested against Azam Khan and given a memorandum to the District Magistrate demanding strict action against those who insulted women."

As per **Inquilab** (July 6), "A Samajwadi Party delegation met the Inspector General of Police Ramit Sharma, alleging that at the behest of ruling party, the police were deliberately trapping the workers of the Samajwadi party in false cases. At the behest of the government,

Rampur Police has registered 25 cases against the Samajwadi Party leaders and workers in the last three months. Two cases have been registered against Mohammad Azam Khan and Moradabad MP Dr. S. T. Hasan. In addition, a case has been filed against Abdullah Azam Khan for giving inflammatory speech. The Director General of Police assured the delegation that he would investigate all these cases so that no innocent person suffers."

As per **Inquilab** (July 14), "There was a clash between the activists of the Samajwadi Party and farmers of Alia Ganj at the Gate of Mohammad Ali Jauhar University in Rampur, but this incident did not take the violent form due to the police presence. Both sides were protesting against each other. Hafiz Abdul Islam, former chairman of the district panchayat, alleged that university official R Hussain Khan had pressurised farmers to sign expenditure sheets, so the government should give their land back to the farmers and Al Hasan should be arrested immediately. The Samajwadi party's protesters were led by legislator Abdullah Azam Khan. They alleged that these farmers were protesting at the behest of the ruling party to malign the name of Samajwadi Party."

As per **Hamara Samaj** (July 13), "a case of encroachment of land at Mohammad Ali Jauhar University was filed against Rampur MP Mohammad Azam Khan and former executive officer Al Hasan. In that connection, the police raided Al Hasan's residence and taken his son Wasim Hassan into custody. Al Hasan's wife, Shabina Hassan, said that when the police raided her house, her husband was not at home. However, District Magistrate Anjaney Kumar Singh told that many

farmers had lodged complaints about illegal encroachment of their land. They claim that this land belongs to the farmers, which has been illegally encroached by Ali Jauhar University. This raid has been done in this context."

According to **Inquilab** (July 12), "The construction of the Rampur Public School building by Mohammed Ali Jauhar Trust has been termed irregular and illegal, and management has been told that the land on which the school building is being constructed is of the orphanage and the three-storey building is being constructed without any approval from the Rampur Development Authority, so it should be demolished within a week or else the government will turn it down itself. The land of orphanage situated at Mohalla Sarai Gate was given by the Samajwadi government on lease to Azam Khan Trust. The administration says that the building was declared illegal in 2016 and in this regard, the case was also lodged in the police station. Against this governmental decision, the workers of Samajwadi party sat on a dharna at the venue saying they would continue to be on dharna outside the building so that the government cannot turn it down. The Samajwadi Party has said that this notice was given due to the political reasons."

According to **Inquilab** (July 11), "In Shahjahanpura, a demonstration on behalf of the Samajwadi Party has demanded from the government that all the false cases filed under the pressure of ruling party against the workers of Samajwadi party must be withdrawn. Party's district president Tanveer Khan has made a declaration that if these cases are not withdrawn then they will launch a state-wide agitation and will agitate in every district." ■

Campaign to Teach Islam to Indian Muslims

As per **Hamara Samaj** (July 13), "Jamiat-e-Ulema-e-Hind, leading organisation of Muslims, in a meeting of its executive has expressed deep concern that the new generation of Muslims is drifting away from Islam. Therefore, to encourage Muslim students to be closer to Islam and know about their religion, a nationwide campaign will be launched. Under this campaign, Deeni Boards will be constituted in each state of the country, which will appoint co-ordinators in all the districts and Deeni Talimi Conference will be organised in every state. Concern was expressed in the

meeting that a new generation of Muslims and especially students are turning their face away from Islam, so special attention will be given to spread Islam through a nationwide campaign. This meeting of the Jamiat-e-Ulema-e-Hind executive committee was held in Delhi, which was chaired by Maulana Abul Qasim Numani, the head of Darul Uloom Deoband. It was also attended by the president of the Jamiat Maulana Kari Mohammed Usman Mansoorpuri, General Secretary Syed Mahmood Madani and office bearers of Deeni Education Board."

Young People Cheated with Job Offers in Saudi Arabia

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (July 11), "In the guise of giving jobs in Saudi Arabia, a fake company has fooled hundreds of young people. It is reported that lakhs of rupees were collected from 31 young people as commission and they were assured that they would be sent to Saudi Arabia on July 10. But when they reached the office of the agency located in Sector 3, it was locked. Taken aback, the young victims lodged a complaint in the police station. During Haj, many agencies send youth to Saudi Arabia in the name of services for the Hajis. This placement agency announced on the Internet that it was sending people to Saudi Arabia for employment. A person named Sadab from Muzaffarnagar, who uploaded his bio-data on the Internet, was then approached by a person named Adnan and was told that the firm was sending the youth to Saudi Arabia and every candidate will



have to pay a commission of Rs 30 thousand, and they will get a job in the Saudi Arabia with salary of 7500 Riyals. Many youths deposited the commission and submitted their documents. When these young men went there later, the company's office gate was locked". According to another news, an agency from Noida collected lakhs of rupees from 30 other people in the name of getting a job in Kuwait, which also published advertisements in newspapers. There was a commission of 25 thousand rupees. Police are searching for that gang too."

US Sanctions on Iranian Foreign Minister

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (July 17), "The U.S. government has announced that although it has issued visa to Iran's Foreign Minister under the UN's pressure, but his activities have been banned. A State Department spokesman has said that the Iranian Foreign Minister will be able to come and go only to Iranian Embassy and the UN Building. He will not

be allowed to travel around New York or any American city. He said that this decision was taken because the Iranian government has put a full ban on the activities of U.S. ambassador in Tehran. The United States had earlier banned properties of Javad Zarif. Although Javad Zarif has announced that he has no property in America."

Inflation Rises in Pakistan

According to **Hamara Samaj** (July 15), "State Bank of Pakistan in its report has acknowledged that Pakistan's economic situation is worsening day by day. Both losses and inflation are fast growing. Agricultural production has declined. Sugarcane yields have decreased by 19 percent and of cotton by 18 percent. In addition, foreign capital investment has also declined by 50 percent this year compared to the previous year. In the current year, this was USD 1.737 billion, while in the same period last year capital of USD 3.47 billion was invested. Given the economic downturn, Pakistani banks have been instructed to cut



the rate of interest given on deposits. In Pakistan, the rate of inflation has increased from six percent to eight and a half percent."

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