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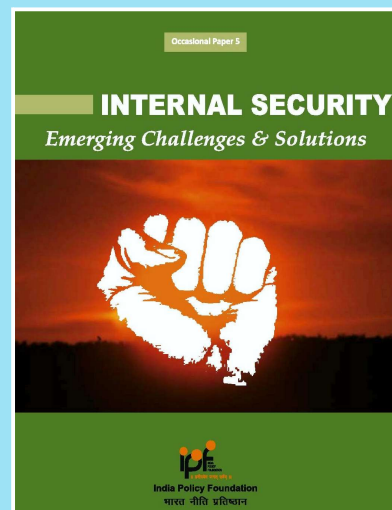
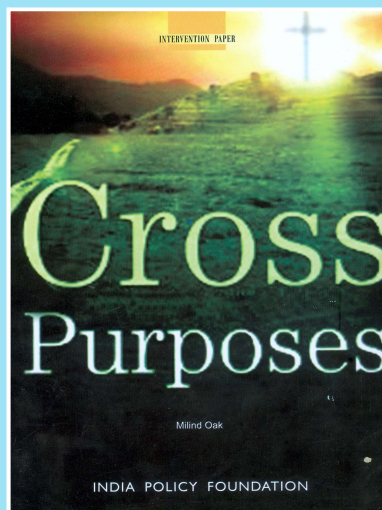
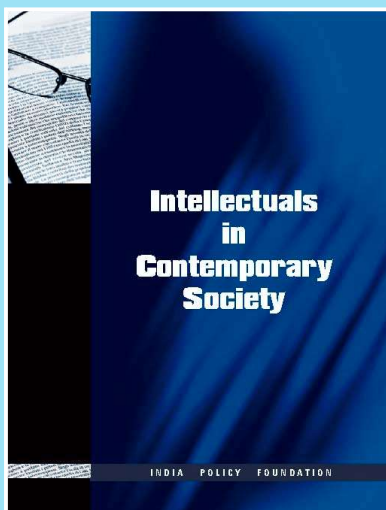
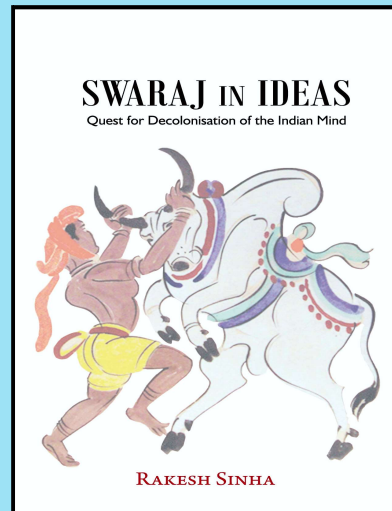
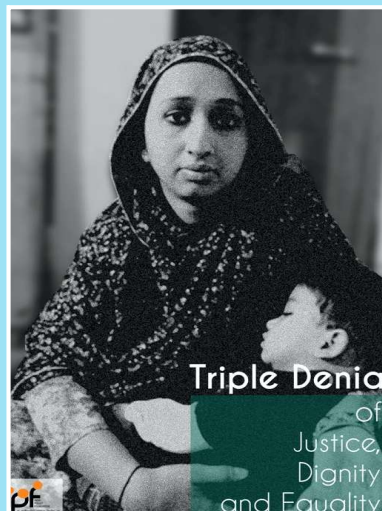
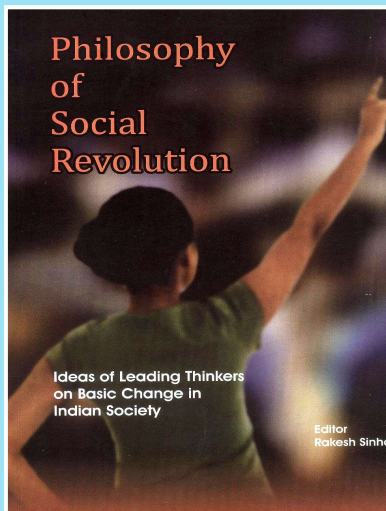
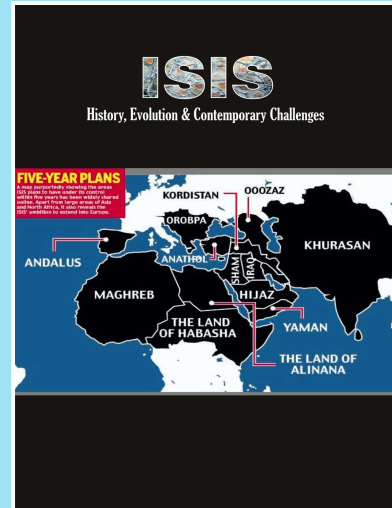
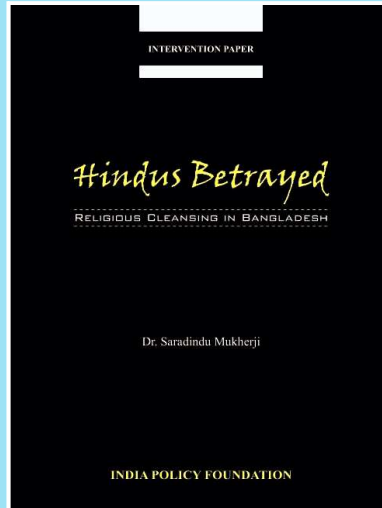
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Summary

After returning to power Prime Minister Narendra Modi has continued his mission to strengthen relations with India's neighbours. Recently in this regard he visited Sri Lanka and Maldives. Maldives conferred him with its highest civilian honour. Addressing the Maldives parliament he announced that India would extend full help in conservation of the grand mosque at Male. Maldives is an island nation in Indian Ocean, with 99% population as Sunni Muslims. It is 1400 KM from Indian coastline. Earlier it used to be part of the British Empire. India has close relations with it for centuries. This country has important role in India's defence strategy. In 1988, when some foreign elements tried to capture power in this small nation, Indian government sent its troops to thwart their plan. Recently, China tried to expand its influence in this region by offering loans to Maldives, but soon it got trapped in Chinese debt. China tried to create a naval base here to restrict India's influence in the region. However, the people of Maldives soon realised China's dangerous intentions and pro-China leader Abdullah Yamin had to face defeat in parliament elections. When Ibrahim Mohammad Sohail came to power, PM Modi attended his oath taking ceremony.

Muslim leaders and the Urdu press have given a mixed reaction to PM Modi's new slogan 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Vishwas' highlighted in his address to the newly-elected MPs.

To isolate Iran among the Arab countries, Saudi Arabia convened three Arab conventions, purportedly under the instructions of the United States. But controversy has arisen over the Joint Mecca Declaration issued after these conventions. Iran has already rejected this declaration accusing Saudi Arabia of acting at the behest of the United States and Israel to create division in the Muslim world. Now Qatar has also come out in open against the declaration. Rising tensions in the Arab world is a cause of concern for India.

To curb growing trend of terrorism and extremism in Islam, the European countries have come up with a new plan. Under this plan, mosques are constructed by the government in these countries. In these mosques, the appointment of Imam is also done by the government, and special care is taken to ensure that Jihadi terrorism does not get promoted from these mosques. Even all the expenses of these mosques are borne by the governments of these countries. In this context, recently a large mosque was constructed in Athens, the capital of Greece. There are several lakh Muslims residing in Greece at present. The emphasis of the Greek government is to ensure that Muslims living in their country stay away from foreign jihadist influence.

Indians begin Haj pilgrimage from next month. Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has claimed that due to the Modi government's efforts, this year highest number of Hajis will go to Haj. Earlier Hajis had to catch a flight from Mumbai for the Haj pilgrimage. But now, Haj pilgrims can take a flight to Mecca from 21 airports in the country. One lakh forty thousand Haji will be sent by the Government Haj Committee while sixty thousand will be sent by private tour operators. ■

Mixed Reaction on PM's Statement on Minorities

Mixed reactions have come from the Muslim leaders and the Urdu press to PM Narendra Modi's appeal to win the trust of minorities. He made this appeal while addressing the newly-elected MPs of NDA.

Siasat (June 1) mentions in its editorial that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has again taken over the reins of governance after getting a huge majority in the elections. Earlier, addressing NDA MPs, he said that the minorities were living in an environment of fear in the country and this fear should be removed. The newspaper writes that Modi is known for using popular slogans in his speeches, this time also it is popular sloganeering on his part. "But this can be said that PM has acknowledged the fact that minorities in the country are living in an atmosphere of fear and tension. This has to be seen that who are at the root of this fear and who are responsible for this? Who are those who like Muslims and other minorities to be second class citizen in the country, deny them the right to vote, keeping out of government jobs and destroy their trades and businesses? Aren't they are the same people who even now are in a close circle to Narendra Modi? Aren't they same leaders who sprout venoms in their speech against Muslims? Aren't these people been promoted by BJP, and given them legal and constitutional posts?"

Newspaper has mentioned that



those leaders who sprout venom against Muslims and openly spread fear in them are sent to parliament by BJP. "It made them ministers and if in these circumstances, prime minister is talking of removing fear and tension amongst Muslims and minorities, then how can we take it seriously. It is said that better to be late than never, if Narendra Modi realizes that minorities are living in fear in the country, the as PM he has to seriously try to remove this fear. Only speeches won't do. Even if he improves his image by this it won't remove the deep seated insecurities in the hearts of the minorities in the country. Removing this fear is the responsibility of the PM and his government. Justice is to be done to the minorities in the country. Schemes for their development have to be made by taking them into confidence, and attempts to target them should be stopped strictly. Those who spread venom against Muslims and minorities should be charged. This can

be done only if the government is serious on this issue.”

The newspaper claims that under BJP's rule minorities are kept out of important departments and organisations. “Amongst BJP candidates there is hardly a Muslim. If they are given ministries, no important department is assigned to them. Making a single minister such as Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi will not elevate the fears of Muslims. Government and especially the PM have to take notice of the feeling of insecurities amongst Muslims and other minorities, and charge those who spit venom against Muslims. Government must protect all their constitutional rights and provide opportunities in job and trade to the minorities.”

Dawat (June 13), in its editorial mentioned that in the ruling party there are some leaders who have painted themselves in the colours of Hindutva, and they always talk in that tone. “Though the ruling party has the policy of Hindutva but it doesn't announce it officially. Some leaders do project themselves as flag bearers of Hindutva, one of these is Giriraj Singh of Bihar, and whenever he speaks he takes pot-shots at minorities. Sometimes he says that if BJP loses elections then taking the name of Ram would be difficult, forget about constructing Ram Temple, or Muslim population is fast increasing and it needs to be controlled. Recently he made fun of CM Nitish Kumar of Bihar for participating in an Iftar party.”

“People said that these utterances of Giriraj Singh were so unwarranted that even Amit Shah had to take notice of these and many other leaders of the BJP criticised him. Though Prime Minister also keeps reprimanding such people but in his heart he has enough liking for them. He not only

makes them ministers but also gives promotions to them. His anger on murders of Muslims by Go-rakshaks seems artificial, and why it should not be? Basic policy of the ruling party is Hindutva. Its guardian RSS is promoting this ideology for the past 90 years. Therefore, there is nothing strange that the leaders have something in the hearts and yet, they speak something else. While workers spread animosity and create strife amongst various sections, their leaders show fictitious anger against them. Therefore, no one should think that whatever Giriraj Singh or Sadhvi Pragya says is without permission from the leadership. For the past 70 years RSS, Jansangh and BJP have used various tactics. Slogans of Gandhian nationalism and inclusive nationalism were used. Thousands of RSS promoted NGOs were using various methods at the ground level. In 1980 after Indira Gandhi's return to power, BJP tried friendship towards Muslims and became supporter of good relations with Pakistan. Its leaders raised issues of Muslims in parliament. BJP supported Pakistan on some controversial issues. Once Indira Gandhi had to say in the parliament, “I didn't know that our parliament had so many friends of Pakistan”. Foundation of good relations with Pakistan was set in 1977-78 while Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the foreign minister. Besides Vajpayee, L. K. Advani, Subramanian Swamy, Biju Patnaik and George Fernandez were friends of Pakistan in the parliament, but BJP didn't stick to it for long. In between it did many political experiments but none helped it. Finally it returned to Hindutva and now it is following that policy. Now if people want that party should abandon this dangerous experiment then serious political leaders,

intellectuals of the country and civil society members have to talk to RSS on this. Muslim intellectuals have an important role in it.”

Inquilab (May 26) writes that national president of Welfare Party of India, the political wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, Syed Qasim Rasul Ilyas has said that due to unnatural victory of BJP in elections there is serious worry, anguish and disbelief amongst the Muslims. “Election Commission and other constitutional institutions have hurt the people's trust in them by giving one-sided support to BJP.”

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (May 28) writes that President of All India United Democratic Front, Maulana Badruddin Ajmal has appreciated the slogan given by the Prime Minister 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'. “In his letter to the Prime Minister, Maulana Ajmal wrote that after winning the elections what you said in the parliament central hall in your speech about winning the trust of the minorities was appreciable. But your promises have to be put on the ground then only the good days for the minorities will come. They will get good education and job opportunities living in a peaceful environment. We also hope that you will take tough action against those who attack Muslims and keep them in a state of fear and thus, winning the trust of Muslims.”

According to other news, General Secretary of Popular Front of India, M. Mohammad Ali Jinnah appealed to PM Modi to work towards stopping atrocities on minorities, taking them along and thus winning their trust.

Dainik Inquilab (May 27) in its editorial says that Prime minister's slogan of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas as well as Sabka Vishwas should be welcomed. “He has also said that Muslims have been misguided for

the past 70 years. Therefore, this fear of the minorities must be removed. But responsibility of fulfilling these promises is also on the Prime minister.”

Sahafat (May 27) in its editorial mentioned that Prime Minister in his speech talked about the minorities. “While he had to just refer to Muslims but he didn't take their name. He talked about attempts to frighten Muslims and in this regard he blamed Congress without naming it. But what is the record of the Bhagva party itself? In this regard it can be said without fear that under Atal Bihari Vajpayee's rule Muslims were never targeted like the new government is targeting them since May 2014.”

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (May 27) in its editorial while mentioning Prime Minister's address writes that minorities are indeed fearful in this country, and reason behind this is the experience of past five years. “However, at the moment there is no reason to not trust Modi. We should hope that in the coming five years he will bring minorities out of this fear and give them protection.”

Dainik Hamara Samaj (May 28) in its editorial emphasizes that after return to power Modi government should remove fear of minorities regarding safety, development, education and health. “It will not be wrong to say that exploitation of minorities in the previous government is the reason for their anger.”

Inquilab (May 28) has published a lead news which claims that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement regarding minorities has been ineffective. In this news, concern has been shown about hooliganism of Gau rakshaks in MP, Gurugram, Begusarai and attacks on Muslims by anti-social elements in West Bengal. ■

Maldives Confer Highest Civilian Honour on PM Modi



Dainik Sahafat (June 9) reports that President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has conferred Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the country's highest civilian honour 'Nissan Ijjuddin'. Modi was on a two-day visit to Maldives. "This is his first foreign visit after becoming the Prime Minister again, after the Bharatiya Janata Party's spectacular victory in the Lok Sabha elections. In a tweet before leaving for Maldives, Modi said that Maldives is our trusted partner and both countries are linked to one another by historical and cultural ties. He said that our relations with the Maldives for the past few days have become even stronger. I hope this relationship will further solidify and deepen by my visit." The newspaper says that the Government of India is currently helping Maldives in many areas. A cricket stadium and coastal radar system have been built with India's support, which were inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India and the President of Maldives.

"Addressing the Parliament of Maldives, 'the People's Majlis', Modi said that terrorism was the biggest challenge of modern times, and the biggest threat to

humanity. Modi said that the relations of the countries were not just between the governments, but also in the hearts of the people. He said that terrorists neither have their banks nor the factories for weapons, but they are never short of wealth and weapons. Where do they find it all? Who all give them support? Modi said that by giving me your country's highest honour you have glorified our entire country. He said that whether the 1983 foreign invasion or the crisis like tsunami or drinking water shortage, India had always been with the Maldives and come forward with aid. The Prime Minister said that India was with the Maldives in every case. People of both countries want progress and independence."

Hamara Samaj (June 10) in its editorial on Prime Minister Modi's visit to Maldives mentions that during the last five years of his regime PM Modi made efforts to reach out to the countries of the world, also forming close relations with Muslim countries. "After coming back to power, he first went to the Maldives. This is unique with PM Narendra Modi that he is highly praised by the Muslim countries and is given highest honours of their country." The

newspaper writes that during the last five years several Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, presented him the highest honours. Now the Maldives has also honoured him by their highest civilian honour. "This indicates that Narendra Modi is as popular in his country as he is abroad. The civil honour given to Narendra Modi is the highest award given to any foreigner by the government of Maldives. Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Shahid welcomed Modi at male airport in Maldives capital."

"Earlier PM Narendra Modi went to Maldives in November 2018 when the newly elected president Ibrahim Mohammed Solih took the oath. Two meanings can be derived from this visit of Narendra Modi. First, he wants to improve relations with India's neighbouring countries. Second, he has special interest in improving relations with the Muslim countries. There is also a deeper punch for Pakistan in it. In addition to spreading terrorism in India, Pakistan has always been envious of India. Pakistan does not like growing relations of India with Muslim countries. In Dubai, in March this year, it created a lot of trouble when the Foreign Minister of India Sushma Swaraj was invited to the Conference of Foreign Ministers by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Now, when the Prime Minister has reached Maldives and called for a joint war against terrorism, it is clear that he wants to tell Pakistan to desist from spreading terrorism in India. Muslim countries are now allergic to Pakistan. This is the indication of the recent conventions of Islamic countries held in the UAE. Pakistan had tried by hook or crook to overturn the invitation given to India, but the United Arab Emirates spoiled its efforts. This is a great success of Prime Minister Modi that Muslim countries have invited India in OIC after fifty years. This attempt of the Prime Minister does

not favour Pakistan. Pakistan is disappointed about Muslim countries' growing relations with India, instead of with Pakistan."

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (June 10) has published two special articles related to Prime Minister's visit to the Maldives on its editorial page. Khavar Hussain writes that the Prime Minister has promised all kinds of cooperation in the protection of the historic Jumma Masjid in Male. "India's relations with the Maldives have always been good. Although for the past few years some of its leaders had been leaning towards China. But these people were defeated in the last election. Present President Ibrahim Mohammed Solih became the Member of Parliament in the year 1994 at the age of 30. Therefore, he knows the politics of this region. He knows that which country is powerful and how beneficial it is to the Maldives. He also knows the difference between China and India, so he had invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his oath ceremony and he also visited India. The country with the Maldives will increase its dominance in this area. Addressing the Parliament of Maldives, Modi said that there was no big or small among friends. The objective of India is to bring stability to the region. Not to weaken them, nor to bring burden of debt on their future generations. This has indicated that India will help Maldives as much as possible, but like China, it will not lure them into the golden trap of debt."

Another article is by Dr. Mohammed Shahbaz Alam, which emphasizes that if India and Pakistan jointly fight against terrorism, then the cooperation and unity in this region can be increased. He said that Modi's visit is an important part of India's foreign policy. The article highlights that Modi had also visited Bhutan earlier, which is a Buddhist country, while Maldives is a Muslim country. ■

Row over Iftar Party by Telangana CM



Siasat (June 3) writes that controversy has arisen over Iftar party by Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium. "There is a lot of resentment among the Muslims due to the demolition of Masjid-e-ek khana, Amber Peth. Because of this, no major Muslim leader was involved in this feast. The leaders of United Muslim Forum, Jamaat-e-Islami, Majlis-e-Ulema-e-Dakkum etc were ones who were marked for their absence. In his speech, the Chief Minister did not mention 12 percent reservation to the Muslims or of reconstruction of the mosque. For the first time in the history of Telangana, the religious leaders stayed away from the Iftar party of CM due to united pressure of the Muslims. Students of Madrasas were also awarded on this occasion."

Contrary to this, **Etemaad** (June 3) claimed that Iftar was successful and attended by Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen chief Asaduddin Owaisi, Home Minister of Telangana Mohammad Mahmood Ali,

along with other ministers and MPs of Telangana. Chief Minister claimed that the crisis of water and electricity in Telangana has been controlled. The CM presented dates to Owaisi at the time of the Iftar. In addition to the heads of different corporations of the state, Iranian trade envoy, Mayor of Hyderabad, B. Ram Mohan, Deputy Mayor Baba Fajihuddin, Imam of Mecca Mosque Maulana Nakshbandi were present.

Siasat (June 3) writes that former opposition leader Mohammed Ali Shabir has alleged that the government of Chandrashekhar Rao has betrayed all sections of the state. "So far no steps have been taken to give 12 percent reservation to the Muslims. He said that Muslims were being seduced by giving a feast of Iftar. They do not need a feast, but 12 percent reservation. He said that TRS and MIM were cheating the Muslims. This is the reason why the Congress party has termed the Iftar party as a farce." ■

Two Lakh Indians Allowed to Go for HAJ



Inquilab (June 10) reports that India's Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has announced that two lakh Indians will go to Haj this year. He said that no subsidy was being given to Haj pilgrims. "Addressing a gathering of representatives of private tour operators organised at Haj House in Mumbai, Naqvi said that one lakh forty thousand Haj pilgrims would be sent to Haj by the Haj Committee and sixty thousand Haj pilgrims by private tour operators to Mecca. He said that ten thousand pilgrims shall be taken by private operators on fixed package of Haj Committee. He said that these Haj pilgrims would be sent by 500 flights from 21 airports to Saudi Arabia. He said that to maintain transparency in Haj pilgrimage, private tour operators will also have to register in the portal. This year, about 725 private tour operators will take Indians to Haj. The minister said that the government was committed to provide the facilities and security to Hajis. And no laxity will be tolerated in this context."

"He said that after receiving complaints against private tour operators this year many private tour operators have been put on the black list. Naqvi said that this year there is an increase in number of women going for Haj without male relatives. This year 23 thousand 340 women will go to Haj on their own. Out of total Haj pilgrims from India 48 percent are women. Flights for Haj pilgrims will start from July 4. Haj pilgrims will be going to Saudi Arabia till the end of July. He said that due to the efforts of the Modi government, the Saudi government has increased the number of Haj pilgrims, so for the first time after Independence, all who wanted to do Haj from big states like Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Bihar have got to do so. He said that in order to provide medical facilities to Haj pilgrims, 11 health centres are being set up in Mecca and 3 in Medina, in addition to this, three hospitals in Mecca and one hospital in Medina are being set up and 630 persons are appointed in this context, including women." ■

NDA Still Short of Majority in Rajya Sabha

Siasat (June 1) in its editorial has conveyed that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is going to have a clear majority in the Rajya Sabha. "It is expected that in 2021, it will get 124 seats in the Rajya Sabha. But this will depend on election results of Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand Legislative Assembly. The NDA government could not fulfil its many promises due to lack of majority in the Rajya Sabha. The Modi government could not get bill to ban triple Talaq or Citizenship Amendment Bill passed due to lack of majority in the Upper House. At present, NDA has 102 members in the Rajya Sabha. BJP has 73 members. Whereas the opposition has 101 members, it includes 50 members of the Congress. In 2019 eight seats of the Rajya Sabha will be vacant. These include two from Assam and six seats in Tamil Nadu. The two empty seats of Assam belong to the Congress. Out of six seats going vacant in Tamil Nadu, four are of AIADMK one each is of CPI and DMK. There AIADMK will have to lose a seat, while DMK will get two more seats. In 2020, there will be huge loss to the Congress in the Rajya Sabha, as 74 members of the current Rajya Sabha are going to retire. There are also 15 Congressmen, many of whom are unlikely to return. Next year, the number of Communists in the Rajya Sabha will be reduced from 7 to 5. CPI's D. Raja's tenure ends this month. CPI-M's TK



Rangarajan will not be able to come back. The Congress, the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party's seats will also be reduced. In 2020, the UPA will have to lose 10 seats and BJP will gain 9 seats more due to the majority in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly. At present, there are 13 members of the Samajwadi Party in the Rajya Sabha but it will have to lose six seats in 2020. In 2021, after getting a majority in the Rajya Sabha, the BJP can implement the Triple Talaq bill. However, due to interference in Islamic Sharia, India will have to face criticism within and abroad. The efforts that are being made to eliminate the special status of Kashmir will cause discomfort among the Muslims and a strong reaction in Kashmir. If Modi Government goes on the agenda of Hindutva, it will affect the peace in the country and the dream of economic development will be scattered. If Narendra Modi considers Vajpayee as his ideal, then he must adopt a policy like Vajpayee for the development of the country." ■

Government Mosque in Greece

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (June 9) reports that a huge mosque has been built by the government in Athens, capital of Greece, which will be opened for the prayers in September. Mosques are being constructed by the government in all the countries of the European Union. The reason for this is said to be that terrorism is encouraged under the guise of non-governmental mosques. There was no government mosque in Greece till now. Three years ago the parliament of Greece had decided to start building a mosque in Athens at government expense. Imam of this

mosque will be appointed by the government and Muslims will be able to offer namaz. This mosque will not be under any individual's possession. It is believed that several lakhs Muslims live in Greece. They have been using basement or store room to do prayers till now. The spokesperson of Shias in Greece said that this mosque would be a huge gift from the government of Greece for the Muslims. There are more than three lakh Muslims in Athens at present. Apart from this, the government is also considering to build an official graveyard for Muslims also. ■

Pak Army Officials Punished on Charges of Spying

Akhbar-E-Mashriq (June 1) writes that a large gang of foreign spies has been identified in the Pakistani army. "Recently, Pakistani army chief, General Kamar Javed Bajwa, confirmed death sentence for a senior military officer, and life imprisonment for others. According to the Public Relations Department of the Pakistani Army, the officers who were given the sentence included a retired Lieutenant General Javed Iqbal, a Brigadier Raja Rizwan and some senior officials. According to this official statement, this gang of spies was making available the Pakistani military's intelligence to a foreign intelligence agency. Several other senior military officers involved in this gang have also been given the punishment of varying durations. The gang was caught last year from the Islamabad area. The army has not disclosed the name of the country for which this gang was spying."

"The news of this espionage gang was disclosed by Pakistani journalist, Ansar Abbasi, four months ago. Later the Pakistan Army spokesperson confirmed that some high

officials are facing cases under the court martial. At least two persons have been sentenced to death. These include Brigadier Raja Rizwan and another high official. Besides having the command of a brigade of Pakistani Army, Rizwan has been Pakistan's Defence Attaché in Germany. The other officer now sentenced to death is known as Dr. Wasim Akram, who was on a high post in a sensitive military organisation. As far as Javed Iqbal is concerned, he has been sentenced to fourteen years of imprisonment. General Javed Iqbal has been in important positions such as Director General of the Military Operation. Prior to this, he was the core commander of Bahawalpur Corps.

Every official and employee in Pakistani army has to sign an affidavit. In addition, he has to take the oath that he will not share any secret information related to the country. According to the Pakistani Army law, the punishment of spying is death or life imprisonment. The Pakistani army officials refused to shed light on the number of military officers involved in this spy gang." ■

Bomb Explosions in Balochistan

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (June 9) reports that at least five people were killed and twelve wounded in two incidents of terrorism in Balochistan. "The victims of these blasts are from Shia and Bohra communities. According to government information, a vehicle of Bohras was hit in District Jiyarat in Balochistan, in which three people were killed and five were injured. This explosion was done with a remote controlled bomb. The second explosion happened in Numera, another area of the



Jiyarat District. Shia people had gathered for the picnic there. The blast took place at a bus in which two people were killed and seven wounded. This explosion also happened with a remote controlled bomb. According to the Home Minister of Balochistan, strict arrangements are being made for the protection of Shias so that the terrorist activity can be stopped. It is important that in Balochistan, there has been a huge increase in terrorist activities in recent years." ■

Number of Divorce Cases Rises in Pakistan

Akhbar-E-Mashriq (June 10) reports that the number of divorce cases is increasing in Pakistan. "In the last six months in capital Islamabad, there were 1048 incidents of Talaq, out of which 414 women divorced (Lula) their husbands. In the first four months of 2019, 269 cases of divorce were filed in Islamabad. Syed Shafakat Hussein, the president of the Arbitration Council, said that most of the divorce cases were happening in love marriages than in arranged marriages. He said that the trend of divorcing was increasing rapidly, especially in highly educated couples. He said that today's women were not ready to be suppressed by their husband. The tendency of tolerance within families is

rapidly ending."

"As far as love marriage is concerned, the boy and the girl get married after falling in love, but soon after this, they start finding faults in each other, so the marriage does not last long. He said that according to Pakistan's law, the person who wants to get a divorce has to file a petition in the court. The court passes it to the mediation council for compromise, if possible. The mediation council attempts to end the differences between the couple and when these fail, then there is no other way than to grant divorce to them. He said that although Islam has the system of divorce since ancient times, the Prophet-of-Islam never supported the divorce and termed it as an abomination." ■

Hafeez Saeed Stopped from Leading Namaz



Siasat (June 7) reports that Pakistani government has stopped the mastermind of the Mumbai attack and Jamaat-ul-Dawah chief Hafiz Saeed from leading the prayers on Eid. "The United Nations had recently declared Hafiz Saeed an international terrorist. Hafiz wanted to lead the Eid prayers at Gaddafi stadium of Lahore, but due to

restrictions by the government, he offered Namaz at a small mosque near his home. The Punjab government had announced that if Hafiz Saeed tried to lead Eid prayers in public then he would be arrested."

"For many years, Hafiz Saeed used to lead both Eid prayers at Gaddafi Stadium. And on this occasion he would also give Khutba, in which the Pakistanis were asked to participate in jihad to liberate Kashmir. Imran Khan's government has imposed restrictions on 69 terrorist organizations in the country. Apart from this, many madarsas have also been forcibly closed. The government claims that these madarsas have become nurseries of terrorism for children." ■

Pak Students in China Face Hunger

Akhbar-E-Mashriq (June 1) writes that former Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif had started the process of sending 500 Pakistani students to various universities in China for two years, but now it has become a headache for the Pakistani government. "For the last two months, the Pakistani government has not paid scholarships to these students, due to which they are facing hunger as Chinese are not ready to give loans to them. Ehsan Nayeem, who was studying at Shanghai University, told the BBC that after the formation of the Imran government, the Pakistan government has stopped giving them scholarships. Earlier, he was given monthly 7000 rupees in Pakistani currency. He said that this had stopped since November. Nayeem said that

till recently Pakistani students were taking loans from the Chinese, but now they have refused to lend them." "Now we have to ask money from our families, but many are having problems, because most students belong to the middle class and China is a very expensive country. We can not get any full time or part time jobs here, because according to Chinese law no student can work." He said that the burden of debt on every Pakistani student is increasing by the day. "Another student, Ataya Aslam, said that she had to ask for 40 thousand rupees from her house every month. She said that Punjab Education Department was not sending the amount of scholarship. Apart from this, the Pakistan government was not ready to give their fees." ■

Dispute in Conference of Arab Countries over Iran



Saudi Arabia, which has been waging a campaign to isolate Iran among Arab states, received a shock recently. Qatar has publicly refused to accept the Mecca declaration, after the Islamic Summit. Iran has already stubbornly opposed it. As per the latest developments, the UAE foreign minister has requested Qatar to reconsider its stand. Saudi Arabia has recently organised a summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Rabitat al-Alam al-Islami and Gulf countries in Mecca.

Akhbar-E-Mashriq (June 1) writes that after the attacks by Iran on ships of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, Arab countries are insisting that strict action must be taken against Iran. "This demand was made by Saudi Arabia's Shah Salman bin Abdul Aziz at a conference of Arab countries organised in Mecca. Saudi

Shah said that the Iranian government is interfering in our affairs, which pose grave danger to security and unity of our countries. There is a need to adopt an effective regional policy to combat Iran's terrorist intentions. He also told the international community that it should fulfil its responsibilities so that the threat of support for terrorists by the Iranian government can be stopped. A joint statement issued after the convention of Arab countries has said that countries of the world should raise voice against Iran's efforts to create instability in this region. It was also agreed in the joint statement that Saudi Arabia has the right to defend against made-in-Iran missiles fired from Yemen, and these attacks are a major threat to the security of Arab countries. However, Iraq has expressed its disagreement with this

statement. Addressing the meeting, Iraq's President Barham Salih warned that if the present crisis could not be resolved properly, it could lead to war. Earlier, the meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council condemned the attacks by Iran and emphasized that all countries in this region should be united. If any one country is attacked, it would be considered an attack on all the countries. Commenting on this meeting, the Arab media has appreciated the efforts of Saudi Arabia and said that it supports the efforts made by Saudi Arabia to strengthen the unity of Arab countries and Islamic world and to deal with the impending threat to the Islamic world. On this occasion, the representative of Chinese TV said that the eyes of the whole world are on this conference."

"In another development, US President Donald Trump's Security Advisor John Bolton claimed that despite US efforts to curb Iran's invasive intentions, the threat was not over and Middle East countries must be prepared against new dangers. He said that US was trying to desist Iran from its aggressive intentions. The US recently sent its navy fleets into this region. The US would also support the use of military power against Iran."

Siasat (June 2) mentions that the convention of Arab countries in Mecca was organised at a time when the situation of Iran, Iraq and many other countries is worrying. "Many Islamic countries are victims of excesses by the West. Attacks have increased in the Arab region. Rabitat al-Alam al-Islami has issued a document on the last day of its convention in Mecca, which states that at present the Muslims of the whole world are highly worried about their future. OIC has requested the Muslim countries world over that they should



increase co-operation and promote world peace. The document that has been issued by this organization is of seven pages. In its editorial, the newspaper has said that the number of preachers spreading hatred among Muslims is increasingly growing, which is harmful for the foundation of Islam. Need for Muslims is to avoid any association with them and beware of impure intentions of such persons. Another objective of releasing this document is that one billion sixty crore Muslims of the world should be united and connected."

"It is very sad that Muslims are being divided all over the world. Besides, misconceptions about Muslims are being spread amongst non-Muslims. It has increased the risk for the Muslims. Islamophobia has produced both good and bad results. It is good that people affected by Islamophobia are becoming Muslims after getting information about Islam. But some are becoming more hateful of Islam because of this. It is necessary to pay attention to all aspects of this issue. The newspaper says that Mecca is the holiest place for Muslims. The activities here are also religiously recognized. Due to the growing tension between Saudi Arabia and Iran, three summits were organised in Mecca. King Salman of Saudi Arabia has also invited the leaders of the Gulf

Cooperation Council and the Arab League to increase mutual co-operation within the Muslim world.”

“In these three conferences, there were considerable discussions on the growing aggressive attitude against Saudi Arabia and its effects. The leaders of Saudi Arabia and their initiatives were praised. Most of the global experts have also praised the role of Saudi Arabia, as Saudis are continuously making efforts to unite the Arab and Islamic world and deal with the warnings presented to it. If the leaders of Muslim countries on this holy land of Mecca come out with a solution to the problems of the Muslim world, it would be very good. It is necessary that every Muslim country should play its role in supporting this goal of achieving the Islamic unity. If the Muslim countries succeed in achieving its goals, then it will be a pride for the Arab world as well as for the Islamic world.”

Siasat (June 3) writes that after the OIC Conference held in Mecca, in a joint declaration Muslim countries expressed hope to end persecution in Kashmir and end of Israeli occupation of Palestine. “The declaration states that Palestine's problem is the problem of Muslims around the world. International organizations have passed a number of proposals regarding the elimination of Israeli occupation from Palestine, which have not been implemented. In the joint declaration, the countries of the world have been requested to play their role in maintaining peace and stability in the region. Terrorism can not be linked to any citizenship, religion or region. OIC has stressed on dialogue and co-operation while condemning neglecting attitude on the basis of religion, colour and race. It has been said in the proposal that we support the independence of the

Palestinians and independence of the Palestinian government within the boundaries of 1967. While mentioning the proposal of the United Nations, the organization has backed the Palestinians' return to their country. The US declaration to accept Jerusalem as Israel's capital is condemnable. The OIC has also endorsed the right to self-determination in Jammu and Kashmir and demanded a referendum on it.”

Siasat (May 31) in its editorial has said that Saudi Arabia's Shah Salman organised the Islamic convention at a time when relations between the US and Iran have become very tense and attempts are being made to end civil war in Afghanistan. But despite that there is a huge increase in bomb blasts and innocents are being killed in greater numbers. In order to end the rule of the Houthi rebels in Yemen's capital Sana and its surrounding area, the forces of Saudi Arabia backed President Mansur Hadi has left no stone unturned. Air Forces of Saudi Arabia and allies are at the back and call of Mansur Hadi too. Lebanon is unstable due to the differences between various leaders. Many governments are working in Libya. After the ouster of Sudan's President Omar al-Basher, there is a lull before the storm. Israel's persecution continues on Palestine. The newspaper has said that US President Trump is mobilizing his ally Arab countries against Iran. Saudi Arabia and its gulf allies should not get themselves trapped in this plot of Trump and should address their differences with Iran for greater Islamic unity.”

“Saudi Arabia and its allies should play the role of arbitrator instead of jumping into war in Yemen. If this work is done taking Iran into confidence, peace in Yemen can be established. The President of

the United States wants to put the Muslim countries on the path to wipe out each other to promote its weapons industry. Saudi Arabia and Iran should understand America's intentions and fail its game-plan. The US is bothering Iran under the guise of Iran's nuclear program. Due to the stressful relations of Saudi Arabia and Iran, thousands have died of hunger in Yemen. Due to the Muslim world being a mute spectator, the US has put Afghanistan into the civil war. Improving relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran could end civil war in Yemen. To save the Islamic countries from the devastation, Saudi Arabia's Shah Salman must take the initiative and to fulfil the dream of Ayatollah, the father of the Islamic Revolution, the President of Iran and the religious head of Iran should present an example of Islamic unity."

Inquilab (June 3) according to paper, Qatar has disagreed with the proposal passed against Iran in the Muslim conference organised by Saudi Arabia. "Qatar's official spokesman said that prior to presenting this proposal Qatar was not taken into confidence. It is known that Qatar and Saudi Arabia have very stressful relations and Saudi Arabia has boycotted Qatar for the last two years. It is believed that the Foreign Minister of Qatar, although participating in this conference, had not been cooperating from the beginning, so as soon as the joint statement of this conference was released, Qatar had expressed its disagreement."

Siasat (June 2) writes that the fourteenth conference of Islamic countries' heads decided to observe March 15 as Anti-



Islamophobia day world over. "It has also been declared that all Muslim countries demand that the Palestinians be given the right to self-determination and that a separate and independent country of Palestine should be formed, its headquarter at Jerusalem. In this announcement, international organizations have also been accused of ignoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and standing in favour of Israel, supporting the Jewish settlements there. This year the Islamic countries convention was named 'Mecca Summit, Uniting towards the Future'. Its aim was to unite Islamic countries. In this conference, leaders of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Turkey, Tunisia, Senegal, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Pakistan participated. These Muslim leaders condemned the campaign against Islam in the world and said that this campaign is being organised to make Muslims fight among themselves and to weaken their position in world politics. At the conference, the US was condemned for the fact that it recognized Jerusalem as the Israeli capital. Muslim countries said that this decision is absolutely unfair and it is an attack on Palestinians and Islamic historical legal rights in the world.

Siasat (June 4) mentions that Gulf country Qatar has rejected the Joint Declaration issued after the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Arab Summit in Saudi Arabia, although Qatar was involved in all these conferences, and has also participated in preparing these manifesto. But two days later, Qatar has suddenly announced its disagreement with that. "According to AlArabiya.net, Qatar's Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdul Rahman al-Thani has said in a statement that they have some issues with the joint declaration issued by the Arab summit and the Gulf Council in Mecca, because it is not according to Qatar's foreign policy. He said that we had emphasized that these declarations should be improved, but our request was not accepted and therefore we

reject them. Many Arab countries have criticized this announcement. Bahrain Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmad Al Khalifa has said in a statement that Qatar has objection to the unity of the Gulf Cooperation Council and the condemnation of Iran. The Minister of Foreign Minister of the Arab Emirate and the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia has also condemned the latest announcement by Qatar."

According to another news in **Siasat**, Prince Mohammad bin Zayed of UAE is emerging as a powerful leader in the Arab world. His wealth is estimated to be worth \$ 1.3 trillion, his special army is presently in Yemen, Libya, Somalia and Egypt. According to the New York Times, the American government also gives importance to the opinion of this Arab leader. ■

US Open to Talks with Iran

Inquilab (June 3) writes that the US has declared its readiness to hold unconditional dialogue with Iran on its nuclear program. "The US Secretary of State says that US wants to see what Iran does in this regard. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani has said that Iran is ready to talk with US. But the talks must not be under any pressure from anyone. When the US Secretary of State was asked to comment on this statement of Rouhani, he said that we are prepared for the unconditional negotiation. But the US is against the Iran assistance been given to Hezbollah and the Syrian government. Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini has said that Iran will not negotiate with the US. The Foreign Minister of Switzerland said that due to the US sanctions, Iranian citizens are having a lot of trouble, so while

Switzerland is a neutral nation, it wants that the difficulties to the Iranian people due to the American restrictions should be eased and food, drinks and medicines should be made available to them. US must instruct American banks to support payment for these items."

"General Ahia Rahim Safavi, chief adviser to Iran's supreme leader, has said that all American ships present in the Persian Gulf are on the target of our missiles. He also said that there are 25 military bases in this area and the US knows well that all these military bases are on our target. He said that the price of oil will reach hundred dollars with the firing of first bullet in the Persian Gulf, which will not be bearable for the US and Europe, and for Japan and South Korea too." ■

Re-election for Parliament of Israel



Siasat (June 3) has written an editorial the Israeli parliament results announced in April and developments thereafter. "Prime Minister Netanyahu's party received only 35 seats in the 120-member parliament. In spite of this, Netanyahu had made preparations to form a government with the support of leftist parties and religious parties. But the radical Jewish parties and nationalist parties left him at the last moment and the new government could not be formed. Though he had received support of 60 members, but for a single member, he was not able to form a government. It has happened for the first time in Israel's history, when elections will take place within six months after the election to the parliament in Israel. Now the elections are likely in September. Netanyahu has to pass many disputed laws to Parliament and if his party does not get a clear majority even in the coming elections, crisis to form the government may persist."

"Israel's political parties have various views about this crisis. Prime Minister Netanyahu will take charge of his

party's campaign for the general elections to be held in September, and if his party does not get a clear majority it will form a multiparty government. Netanyahu's entire emphasis has been on the fact that no other leader can give a stable government apart from him. But in the last election, due to not getting a majority of his party and non-cooperation by the allies to form the government has put a questions mark on his political future. Protests against Netanyahu's opponents are against the efforts to convert Israel into a religious country While Netanyahu is trying to fulfil the dream of Great Israel on the basis of religion. After Donald Trump becoming US President, Netanyahu enjoys immense support from the United States. The Jews who settled on Palestine's land had captured the Golan Heights in the territory of Syria in the war of 1967. The UN had demanded in its proposal that Israel should clear all the occupied areas, but Trump assumed Golan Heights as Israel's territory and announced the transfer of American Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv. ■

US Warns Turkey over Purchase of Russian Missiles



Roznama Rashtriya Sahara (June 10) writes that the US has given Turkey the deadline of July end to decide whether it wants to buy fighter aircrafts from the US or from Russia. "The US Defence Secretary has written a letter to the Defence Minister of Turkey, which states that both the US and Turkey are members of the NATO treaty, so Turkey has no right to buy missile systems from Russia. The US wants Turkey to purchase Patriot anti-aircraft missile systems from it."

"Turkey has signed agreements to buy 100 F-35 fighter planes from the US. Apart from this, some Turkish companies

have invested capital to make parts for these aircraft. The American Defence Secretary has said that we have been shocked by the fact that Turkey has sent its troops to get training for Russia S 400 missile system. He said that if Turkey bought any weapons from Russia then the US would not supply its fighter planes. Due to this the US has also cancelled the program to train Turkish pilots. It is known that Turkey has largest army in NATO. Russia has announced that it will start sending S 400 missile systems to Turkey within two months."

Some Palestine Areas Likely to be Merged with Israel

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara's (June 10) writes that the US ambassador to Israel has said that it could make some areas of the West Bank a part of Israel. "So far the Palestinians have been claiming this area. It is known that Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu also announced in April election campaign that they intend to merge the Jewish settlements on the west coast within Israel. It is known that the United Nations considers the West Bank the area

Palestinian spokesperson has said that the capture of the West Bank is a conspiracy of Israel. It is an open violation of international law. Since the President of the United States has said that Jerusalem is to be declared the capital of Israel, we have declared not to have any kind of dialogue with the US. He said that we wanted Jerusalem as our capital, of which the Israelis have forcibly taken possession during the Arab-Israeli war. President Trump recognized Israeli



which the Israelis captured in the war of 1967 and made the settlements there. The US ambassador said that Israel could keep a limited area with itself. It is just like the US has deployed its armies in Germany, Japan and South Korea for safety. It is said that this will be revealed by the US President in the Economic Conference to be held in Bahrain. Although there is going to be re-elections in Israel, so this issue can be deferred for later."

"Expressing his reactions to the statement of the US Ambassador, the

claim on Golan Heights. However, the international organizations do not accept it. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu had recently said that after recognizing of Israeli claim on Golan Heights, it is now possible to include the Jewish settlements on the west coast in Israel. Secretary of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has said that we do not accept Israeli claims. USA neglects the Palestine problem and wants our land to be handed over to Israel. This is against international rule and we will not accept it in any way."

Case Filed Against Mohammad Azam Khan

Inquilab (June 2) informs that Uttar Pradesh government has filed a lawsuit against Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan in Rampur. In which he has been accused of grabbing government land and not co-operating with the government employees measuring the land. "The lawsuit was registered against Mohammad Azam Khan, registrar of Mohammad Ali Jauhar University R. A. Qureshi and security officer Al Hasan Khan. It has been said in the FIR that Mohammad Azam Khan had on November 9, 2013, asked for allocation from the government land for the

university in Kosi river area. Then, in 2016 and 2019, the ground was formed by establishing a revenues team. It has been alleged that Mohammed Ali Jauhar University's Chancellor Mohammad Azam Khan etc made an illegal occupation of the submerged land and made an eight feet high long wall on it. In the FIR, it was said that occupation of the common path or the river's land was not permitted. In addition to this, when the government employees went to measure the land on the spot, they were stopped from doing their duty." ■

Defamation Notice to Mahmood Paracha

Sahafat (June 3) writes that dispute between Jamat-e-Ulema-e-Hind and Supreme Court lawyer Mahmud Paracha has intensified. "Gulzar Azmi, head of the Legal Aids Committee of the Jamat has sent him a defamation notice. In which he has been asked for immediate apology and damages of Ten Crores Rupees for insulting Jamat-e-Ulema and its office-bearers. Gulzar said that his committee never received the services of Mahmud Paracha, nor he was given the responsibility of defending any accused. It has been said in the notice that Mahmud Paracha recently had alleged that Jamat-e-Ulema was pressurizing the accused to accept the offense. Azmi said that the charge is utterly baseless. Jamaat has asked him to apologize within seven days.



Commenting on this notice, Mahmood Paracha said that he would not comment on this notice now and would answer later in this context. He said that the allegations made by him against Jamat are correct and he wanted to expose the enemies of his community." ■

Three Punished for Burning Christians Alive in Pak

Akhbar-E-Mashriq (May 18) informs that the Lahore High Court acquitted two persons out of five accused while pronouncing punishment for a Christian couple's murder by burning them alive in Kot Radha Kishan, but retained the hanging sentence of three persons. "A crowd of Muslims in the Chak-59 of Kot Radha Kishan in Pakistan-Punjab in the year 2014 had burned alive, Shahjada Massie and his wife Shama Massie on alleged charges of insulting the Quran. The lower court sentenced five accused to death in this

regard. According to the police, Imam Hafiz Ishtak of the mosque assembled and instigated the people on the loudspeaker of the mosque. After this the crowd attacked the house of the Christian family and set it on fire, in which the couple died due to burns. The Nivali court had sentenced Irfan Sakur, Riyaz, Mehendi Khan, Haneef and Hafiz Istak to death, while three others were sentenced to two-year imprisonment. The High Court has acquitted Haneef and Hafiz Ishtak for not having evidence, while sentence to the rest is kept as it is." ■

Sanctions on Iranian Companies

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara's (June 9) reports that the US has banned Iran's oil companies and its associated institutions. "The United States Finance Ministry has said in a letter that this sanction has been imposed so that the Iranian militia pasadaran-e-Inqilab can not get funds through these companies. According to government statements, the sanctions have been imposed on 39 Iranian companies. Most of these institutions work under Persian Gulf Chemicals industries and these companies export 50 percent of Iran's petroleum production and make



available the funds to the Iranian militia pasadaran-e-Inqilab. This Iranian organization was charged with encouraging terrorism." ■

Sudan Recalls its Ambassador from Qatar



Siasat (June 2) Sudan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in the news that Sudan has called back its ambassador posted in the United Arab Emirates. "In addition to this, the Sudan government has also expelled all Qatari media members, including Al Jazeera, out of the country. The Sudan government also claims that the Qatar has been deeply shaken by the ousting of its

supporter, Umar al-Bashir. Therefore, it is spreading unrest in Sudan and all means are being used to achieve this objective. Last year the Sudan Government had refused to welcome the delegation which reached Sudan under the leadership of Qatar's Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdul Rahman al-Thani." ■

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