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## Summary

The entry of women in Islamic Dargahs is banned from centuries. The strange thing is that the Leftists and Muslim organizations who are creating scourge over the ban on the entry of women in Sabarimala have never noticed the ban of Muslim women in Islamic Dargahs. Recently, some girls have tried to raise this matter in the Delhi High Court. There are thousands of Dargahs and Mazars (Graves) in Delhi, but 22 of them are especially important. Therefore Delhi has been given the name of 'Gateway of 22 Khwajas' in Islamic literature. It is strange that in any of these, Muslim women are not allowed to enter. They have to read Quran, Fatiha etc., outside the Dargah itself.

Tablighi Jamaat is expanding across the country speedily. Recently, Tablighi Jamaat organized an Ijtema in Bulandshahr in which it is claimed that two million people participated. The Ijtema was suppressed because of the incident of cow slaughter in the district Bulandshahr. An expense of two to two and half crore rupees is done to organize an Ijtema. Tablighi Jamaat organizes hundreds of such Ijtema every year in different parts of the country. The question arises: Where does the amount of expenditure on these come from? Some organizations have also demanded a CBI probe in this case.

The Urdu press has expressed happiness on the unexpected victory that Congress has got in the recent Assembly elections in five states. They say that due to the promises which the BJP did not fulfill before the election, the public lost its confidence in the Narendra Modi government. Urdu newspapers have expressed in their editorial that the efforts of the BJP and the Sangh which are trying to create communal tension in the country have been turned down by the people of the country. Importantly, due to these elections, the number of Muslim MLAs has increased by four times in the assembly.

The Pakistani army is using the new Prime Minister Imran Khan as a shield to take action against its opponents. The entire family of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is behind the bars on the charges of corruption. Now the new target is former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's husband Asif Ali Zardari. Pakistan's anti-corruption department is raiding the firms of his associates and arresting them. According to the Pakistani media, the government is gathering concrete proof of corruption against Asif Ali Zardari and he is likely to be arrested.

These days the news of the Kartarpur corridor has been covered widely in newspapers of Pakistan. The Holy Gurudwara of Kartarpur Sahib is situated within the Pakistani border. At this place, Guru Nanak Dev had spent his last 18 years of his life and his Samadhi is here itself. The governments of Pakistan and India are making an effort so that the Sikh devotees could visit this pilgrimage without Visa or passport. On this occasion, Punjab Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu also went to Pakistan. His visit was quite controversial.

**I**

## **Scourge over Entry of Women in Dargah**

According to **Inquilab** (December 11), the issue of prohibition of entry of women at Delhi's renowned Dargah, Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, is quite hot. This issue is raised on behalf of women and other sections that why Muslim women are not allowed to enter the Dargah of Muslim saints? Recently, this dispute took a new turn when the Delhi High Court asked the Central Government, Delhi Government, Police and managers of Dargah to clarify their stand till April 11 on the petition filed by some students in this regard. It has been said in the petition that women's entry is not allowed in the Dargah and in this connection a notice is also been pasted outside the Dargah. It has been demanded in the petition that instructions should be issued to the Central Government and other departments. It is notable in this context that in most Muslim Dargah women are not allowed to enter. They can pray only at the door outside the Dargah. In this context, it is also important to mention that before this, the judiciary had to intervene regarding the entry of women in many Dargahs. As far as Delhi is concerned, Delhi is called the 'door of 22 Khwajas'. Most of them are the Dargah of men but there are some Dargah of women too. The question arises, why is the restriction on the entry of women in most of the Dargahs? Whereas men are allowed to enter.

As far as Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah is concerned, there are more than 30 graves in this complex. The biggest of these is Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya. Dargah Managing Committee says that there is a ban on the entry of women in Dargah. Managers say that Hazrat Nizamuddin is among big Sufis. He has spent his entire life worshipping Allah. Fareed Ahmed Nizami, Vice-Sajjada Nasheen, the grave of Hazrat is at a very small place. A lot of people come here to worship and women might face difficulty due to this, therefore two spots outside the grave have been marked safe for women here. They can offer prayers and read Quran there. Women are stopped before the Dargah of Hazrat Qutubuddin Bakhtiar Kaki, located in Mehrauli. There are nets on the walls of the Dargah. Women can pray from there. According to a manager of the Nizamuddin Dargah, Qutubuddin Bakhtiar Kaki had given a will before he died that no woman should be allowed to enter the Dargah. As he used to live in the veil and did not meet any woman. Therefore, according to tradition, women are stopped 40 steps prior to the Dargah. Women can pray, read Quran and *Fatiha* from outside. Managers say that close to this Dargah is the grave of his wife and women patrons. Entry of men is completely banned there. Only women can go inside them. In the Dargah of Hazrat Nizamuddin, only women go to the grave of Shah Jahan's daughter Jahanara. There are many such graves where men do not go.

**II**

## **Confirmation of Pakistan's Involvement in Mumbai Attacks**

According to **Siyasat** (December 9), the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan, for the first time, has officially acknowledged the involvement of Pakistani militant organization Lashkar-e-Taiba in the 2008 terrorist attack on Mumbai. Imran Khan has said in an interview given to the Washington Post that he has instructed his government to conduct detailed investigation in this regard. We want to solve the case of this terrorist incident. This is because we are making efforts to improve relations with



India. India has been claiming since beginning that the Pakistani terrorist organization was behind the 26/11 terror attack. But for the first time, Pakistan has officially accepted this fact. Imran Khan said that the government will prosecute the person who is behind this attack in Pakistan and it is in the interest of Pakistan itself. It is known that on November 26, 2008, 10 Pakistani terrorists landed in Mumbai through the sea route and in their reckless shooting, 166 persons, including 18 security officers, were killed on the spot and hundreds of people were injured. Imran Khan said that legal action will be taken against Operation Commander of this attack, Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi.

Notably, on the directions of the Congress, a Muslim journalist Aziz Burney claimed that Pakistan was not behind the attack rather the RSS and Mosad were behind it. He also wrote a book in this regard, which was launched by Digvijay Singh, the then Congress General Secretary, in many places. This book was also published in many Indian languages. It was also claimed in the book that the people of the Sangh Parivar killed Hemant Karkare. Interestingly, Aziz Burney himself was present in Karachi with some other Indian journalists three days before the attack. However, when a terrorist Ajmal Amir Kasab was caught alive, then the false propaganda of the Congress was exposed.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (November 27), the US has announced a reward of \$5 million for those who can give information about the terrorist attack on Mumbai. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that six American civilians were killed in this attack and even after ten years, no action was taken against those who planned this attack. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said in a statement that the accused of this attack will not be left. We are looking for an opportunity for this.

### III

## Urdu Media on Kartarpur Corridor

**Inquilab** (December 9) has welcomed the creation of Kartarpur corridor for the Sikh devotees between India and Pakistan and has said that it is an important step towards improving relations between the two countries. The newspaper has written that Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh laid the foundation for this corridor in Dera Baba Nanak in India while Prime Minister Imran Khan and Army Chief Qamar Javed Bajwa laid the foundation for it in Pakistan. According to the plan, if the corridor is completed by Guru Nanak's 550th birthday, it will surely improve the relations between the two countries and also reduce the military expenditure. This ceremony has proved that religion works to connect the hearts and not to break it. The newspaper is surprised that External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj earlier refused to attend SAARC summit and now refused to participate in the foundation stone laying ceremony. However, being an External Affairs Minister, she should have gone first. In this way, she has indicated that India is not interested in initiating towards improving the relations with Pakistan. She has emphasized that only after Pakistan stops sending terrorists across the border to India, the process of dialogue can be initiated. The newspaper says that it seems that Indian politicians are a victim of misunderstanding in this case. The newspaper has written that it is true that Pakistani rulers' attitude is not positive in improving relations between the two countries. But in spite of this, Pakistani army chief Bajwa and Prime Minister Imran Khan took part in the Kartarpur.

The newspaper has expressed satisfaction over the fact that Prime Minister Modi's comments were very positive that when the Berlin Wall broke down, then why can't a corridor be constructed between India and Pakistan?

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (November 27), the foundation stone for the construction of the Dera Baba Nanak Kartarpur Corridor was laid. On this occasion Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh were present. Guru Nanak Dev Ji lived in Kartarpur for 18 years and died there only.

**Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (December 12) congratulated Pakistan for starting the Kartarpur Corridor and said that it will improve the relations between the two countries and will help in melting the ice on the relations of the two countries. The newspaper has said that Sikhs were demanding it for a long time. Now their demand has been accepted by both countries. This will definitely give great happiness to the Sikhs.

According to **Inquilab** (December 1, 2018), President of Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Bhai Govind Singh has said that the establishment of the Corridor of Gurdwara Kartarpur will strengthen the relations of India and Pakistan. He said that preparations are being made to celebrate 550th Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev in a grand manner. A committee has also been formed to achieve it. Ragi batch (jatthe) will also be sent to Pakistan, exclusively, to Pakistan.

## IV

### **Increase in the Number of Muslim Legislators in the Assembly Elections**

According to **Inquilab** (December 15), there have been a huge increase in the number of victorious Muslims in recent assembly elections of five states in the country. In particular, the number of winning MLAs in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh has increased by four times. Notably in 2013, in all three states, three Muslim MLAs were victorious while their number increased to 11 in the 2018 elections. Most number of Muslims legislators has increased in Rajasthan. In 2013, two Muslim MLAs had won in Rajasthan while this time in 2018, eight Muslim candidates have won. According to the newspaper, the Congress had fielded 15 Muslim candidates in the elections, out of which seven won while a Muslim candidate has been selected on the ticket of the Samajwadi Party. The BJP had given ticket to only one Muslim candidate, Yunus Khan, who lost to Sachin Pilot from Tonk. The closest fight was in Pokhran, where the Congress candidate defeated the BJP candidate by only 800 votes. As far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned, there was only one Muslim MLA earlier, but now their number has been doubled which has won elections on Congress ticket. Congress candidate Arif Akeel is winning from Bhopal since 1990. Another Muslim MLA is Arif Masood, who has won elections from Central Bhopal. The BJP had named Fatima, daughter of former Congress minister Rasool Ahmed Siddiqui, as its candidate from Northern Bhopal. As far as Chhattisgarh is concerned, the proportion of Muslim population is only 2 percent. Here the BJP and Congress had fielded two Muslim candidates each. Out of which Congress's Mohammed Akbar won. The highest numbers of Muslim candidates were in electoral contest in Telangana, which were 26. Of these, eight candidates were of Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen. While nine were of the Congress, eight of TRS and one candidate of TDP. Of these, seven candidates of Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen and one candidate of TRS won while all the Muslim candidates of Congress lost in the elections.

According to **Inquilab** (December 12), Congress fielded 15 candidates in the Rajasthan assembly elections out of which seven won the elections. Rafiq Khan (Adarsh Nagar), Amin Kagzi (Kishanpole), Danish Abrar (Sawai Madhopur), Saleh Mohammed (Pokhran), Zahida Khan (Kaman), Amin Khan (Shiva) and Hakam Ali (Fatehpur) are among the victorious candidates. BJP had fielded only one Muslim candidate, Transport Minister Yunus Khan from Tonk, but he lost in the election against Sachin Pilot.

## V

### Recent Assembly Elections as per Urdu Media

**Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (December 15), commenting on the recent assembly elections, in his editorial titled 'A new twist in politics', has written that the recent assembly elections in five states of the country have given a new turn to the politics of the country. Since 2014, the way Bharatiya Janata Party was registering victory in the elections, for the first time, Aam Aadmi Party gave it a shock in Delhi. After this, Congress came to power in Punjab and increased it. In the recent elections, the victory of the Congress in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh shows that the politics of the country is taking a new turn. The newspaper has written that on one hand the Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies were discriminating among the people of the country and in addition to this, the sense of insecurity began to increase in Dalits and Muslims. For this reason there was a lot of restlessness in these classes. Before the elections, the BJP did not fulfill the commitments of removing backwardness of the country, providing jobs to the youth and providing security. What is needed today is that the BJP should do introspection and analyze the reasons why it has suffered a loss in the elections. The morale of the Congress has boosted from the results of these elections, while the challenge in front of BJP is to maintain its position in the Lok Sabha elections. BJP needs to learn from the results of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

Jamaat-e-Islami's mouthpiece **Dawat** (December 16) has said that these elections have proven that the thinking of the people is changing. After 15 years in Chhattisgarh, the BJP had to loose reigns and faced a tremendous defeat. In Mizoram, Congress lost power, and Mizo National Front got a clear majority. The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) has got huge success in Telangana. In the House of 119 members, TRS has won 88 seats.

The newspaper said that no party in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh could get the majority. It is clear from these election results that the voters of the three states where the government was of BJP, have issued a fatwa against them. But they did not consider any other party worthy of this, that they should form a government on their own. Congress needed support in both Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. In Madhya Pradesh, the BSP made it clear that it will not support the BJP. This was the situation in Rajasthan too. These results have given a new life to the Congress. It is clear that the voters were not satisfied with the BJP and they wanted a change in power but they did not consider the Congress capable enough to make it so strong that it can become careless.

**Siyasat** (December 12) has congratulated Congress on its convincing victory in the recent Assembly elections and said that the results of these elections are enough to open the eyes of the BJP. In 2014, the development issue on which Narendra Modi contested the elections was ignored. It was replaced by



Ram Mandir, politics of statues and changing of names. Angry by this, the voters turned down the BJP and it had to face defeat in three states. Election results of Telangana are also shocking. In spite of an alliance with the Telugu Desam Party, Congress could not achieve any particular success and got lesser votes than before. TRS won the elections. Congress lost twenty seats here. In Mizoram, Congress faced a huge defeat. These election results have indicated that the public has turned down the economic policies of Narendra Modi. There is heavy rage in the public due to demonetisation, GST and financial crisis. Due to which he had to face a huge shock in Hindi-speaking states.

In its editorial, **Etemaad** (December 12) said that the people of the country have turned down the BJP in three major states, whereas in two other states regional parties have been given priority rather than national parties. TRS has had a great success due to the support of Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, while the Mizo National Front in Mizoram has come to power. In the last elections, Congress was wiped out in Rajasthan, but in these elections it got a new life and dreams of the BJP, which dreamt of a Congress-free India, have been shattered. The BJP came to power with the slogan 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', but after coming to power, it provoked communal tension in the country. In many states there was hooliganism on the backdrop of cow slaughter.

As far as Telangana is concerned, BJP had fielded 119 candidates out of which only one won. The TDP had made an electoral alliance with Congress to fight TRS in Telangana, which was joined by CPI, Jansen etc. But this alliance failed to get power. The newspaper said that Owaisi brothers played important role in bringing TRS back to power.

In its editorial **Inqilab** (December 14) said that the results of elections of five states clearly show that the majority of the people of the country have shown that they are pro-democracy and it is in opposition to communalism. That is why in these elections, the public has turned down the politics of spreading hatred of the BJP and the Sangh. In Telangana, the BJP targeted the alliance of TRS and Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen and Uttar Pradesh's Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gave statements like Ali and Bajrangbali instead of raising local issues. The result was that the BJP was washed away from Telangana.

**Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (December 12) has congratulated the Congress for the success in assembly elections. The newspaper says that the BJP faced defeat due to its anti-public policies. In addition, it did not fulfill the promises made to the public before the elections. In Mizoram, BJP has won only one seat.

According to **Hamara Samaj** (December 14), Congress's unexpected victory in elections has shattered the Congress-free India dream of BJP. The hatred spread by BJP leaders in five states proved to be costly for BJP. The loss in Telangana, Chhattisgarh etc. has shocked the party. The defeat of BJP in the three Hindi-speaking states, which were once considered to be the BJP's stronghold, has definitely left Modi and Shah sleepless. In Chhattisgarh, Ajit Jogi, who was dreaming to become a Kingmaker, has been rejected by the public. After these elections, the possibility of formation of mega-alliance in the country against the BJP has increased. Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav can join it. The newspaper has hoped that Congress will succeed in establishing synergy between different groups of Congress. The newspaper has also emphasized that there is no big difference between the votes received by the BJP and the Congress in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Although Congress registered the victory but the fight is not easy. The massive victory of TRS in Telangana has put the BJP in jeopardy, which was thinking of expanding in South India.

## VI

### Settlement on Haj

According to **Hamara Samaj** (December 14), Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Saudi Arabia's Haj Minister Dr. Mohammed Saleh bin Taher have signed an agreement about Haj 2019. Government of India has requested the Saudi Arabian government to increase Haji's quota for India. Naqvi said that Haj Committee of India has received 2,47,000 applications for the year 2019. Of these, 47 percent are women. He said that in 2018, 1,75,025 Indians, without Haj subsidy, went for Haj. Of which 48 percent were women. He said that we are encouraging online applications. 1,36,000 requests have been received online for 2019. He said that three months before the start of Haj, the Indian government will fulfill all the preparations related to Haj so that more facilities can be given to the Hajis. The Government of India is now planning a comprehensive plan to provide better medical facilities to the Hajis.

## I

**Asif Ali Zardai Likely to go to Prison**

According to **Siyasat** (November 25), Pakistan's eminent columnist Imtiaz Amin has predicted that the Pakistan People's Party President and Benazir Bhutto's husband Asif Ali Zardari can be arrested on any day for economic fraud. The columnist has said that the Pakistan People's Party and Zardari have understood that now the preparations have begun to target them. The present government of Pakistan has arrested many of his close relatives and their houses, factories and offices have been raided. The question arises, whether it is a part of the anti-corruption campaign or he is being made a victim of political revenge? While giving an interview, Zardari said that I have already spent 11 years in jail and I am still ready for it. Yet my political opponents have not been able to prove a single charge against me. Prior to this, Nawaz Sharif and his family members have been sent to jail by the army on charges of sending the country's wealth outside the country. Pakistan's Chief Justice, Sakib Nisar, is going to retire and has indicated that before retiring he will make a decision in the pending cases against political leaders of Pakistan. Financial arrangements are being phased out in Pakistan. The banks are becoming center of scams. Last week, after the sites of banks were hacked, millions of rupees of the account holders have been withdrawn from their account. According to the Investigating Department, more than 40 thousand fake accounts have been detected in Pakistani banks so far. The trillions of rupees were deposited in the accounts of the rickshaw pullers, laborers, domestic workers, small shopkeepers, and from this money valuable properties have been purchased abroad. There have been a lot of scams where properties have been involved and black money has also been used to purchase properties as well as expensive cars. The economy of black money in Pakistan is on a wider scale. These days, a lot of demolition is going on in the name of removing encroachments in the big cities of Pakistan. However, the citizens are happy with this. But the people whose shops, hotels, houses and halls are being demolished are cursing the Imran Khan government and are saying that we didn't give vote to Imran Khan so that we would become unemployed. At least those people were good who used to take money and let us do our business. Opponents are also been targeted in this campaign. Recently, an illegal market of Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, leader of Jamiat Ulema-e-Pakistan, was demolished. It is alleged that Maulana had taken this land from former President Pervez Musharraf to establish a major Islamic University. But later, instead of establishing a university there, he built a business complex, from which he was getting lakhs of monthly rent. The removal of encroachments is going on in full swing in Islamabad, Lahore and other cities. This operation was started on the orders of Pakistan's Chief Justice Saqib Nisar. Recently a market of Karachi also became a target. It was built in 1899 on the name of Queen Victoria. The judiciary has imposed a ban on constructing a building higher than the 6th floor in Karachi. Due to this a lot of construction projects are in limbo. It is said that many prominent leaders of the country are connected with these projects. The judiciary has also banned Indian television programs from broadcasting them or viewing them in Pakistan.

Shehbaz Sharif, former Chief Minister of Punjab in Pakistan, is in jail. Now both his sons are also likely to be arrested soon. The government is preparing to arrest leader of main opposition party, Muttahida Qaumi Mohaz, Barrister Naseer and Khalid Maqbool of the party.

## II

### Is Asiya Bibi Living Abroad?

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (November 9), Asiya Bibi, accused of insulting of Rasool, has escaped mysteriously from Pakistan. She will take refuge in any European country. Notably, in the last few days, there were many violent demonstrations in Pakistan against Asiya Bibi's acquittal, in which many people were killed. According to the newspaper, Asiya Bibi was sent to Islamabad through an airplane after being released from Multan jail and then she with her family went to a European country.

According to a news published in the same newspaper, Asiya Bibi's lawyer Saiful Malik has fled from Pakistan to Holland to save his life. While been in Holland, he told that he will not go back to Pakistan but will remain here only. Earlier, he had said that if Holland will not give me the shelter then I will return to Pakistan, even if I am murdered there.

According to **Etemaad** (November 5), more than two hundred and fifty people have been arrested in connection with the violent demonstrations against the government in Pakistan. Pakistan's Information Minister Fawad Chaudhary said that we are not in favor of taking any strict action against the protesters, as many people will be killed. That is why we want to solve this issue only by negotiation.

According to **Siyasat** (November 12), Britain has refused to give shelter to woman of Pakistani origin, Asiya Bibi. Notably, Asiya Bibi was accused of insulting the Prophet and recently she was acquitted by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The UK government says that they fear that if they give shelter to Asiya Bibi, then 12 lakh Muslims living in Britain will oppose them, which will cause unrest. Wilson Chowdhury, President of the British Christian Association of Britain, said that two countries of Europe have proposed to give shelter to Asiya Bibi, but those two countries don't include the UK.

According to **Etemaad** (November 12), Asiya Bibi's lawyer said that hopefully Asiya Bibi will leave Pakistan and take shelter in Germany. If Germany gives her shelter, then he will be happy.

According to **Inquilab** (December 2), after acquittal of the Christian woman Asiya Bibi on the charges of blasphemy, a series of violent demonstrations were organized by the extremist organization Tehreek-e-Labbaik across Pakistan, in connection with which cases have been registered against several hundred people. Pakistan's Home Minister Fawad Chaudhary said that the people who have been booked on the charges of rebellion and terrorism also include Tehreek-e-Labbaik chief Khadim Rizvi.

**Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (November 27) Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan had announced to organize a protest in Rawalpindi against the action taken by the government but the government strictly refused it. Dr. Shafiqi Amini, the executive president of this Tehrik, claims that since there were chances that unrest might spread so we have postponed the rally and protest.

According to **Hamara Samaj** (December 9) many prominent religious leaders of Pakistan have supported the government's action against Tehreek-e-Labbaik-Pakistan. Maulana Ziyaul Haq Naksbandi, Dr. Kirbala Ejaz and Allama Nadeem Abbasi have condemned that the imams of some mosques have described many people as infidels and issued fatwas in this regard and justified their murder.

### III

#### **Fourteen soldiers killed in Afghanistan**

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (December 8), Taliban killed at least 14 soldiers by attacking various military posts in Afghanistan's Herat State. Herat Council member Najibullah said that the attackers have taken 21 soldiers hostage. He said that on Friday night the terrorists attacked two military posts for the whole night. At least 14 people have been killed and 21 people have been taken hostage in this attack. Hikmatullah, the head of the district administration, has said that the number of attackers was more than 200, which were equipped with rockets and machine guns. In retaliation, 30 Taliban militants have been killed. Notably, this attack took place when special US envoys are running peace talks with the Taliban.

### IV

#### **Permission Granted for Hunting of Tilor (Houbara Bustard)**

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (December 4), the Pakistani government has issued permits to the Arabs for hunting a bird named Tilor in Balochistan. Notably, Tilor is hunted by a hawk. According to official sources, a prince of Qatar was allowed to kill a hundred Tilor birds in ten days after paying a fee of thousand dollars. An official of the forest department said that the billionaires of Arab who have been given permission have paid one lakh dollars each to hunt and this permit has been issued by the Ministry of External Affairs. He said that 14 licenses have been issued so far. Notably, the Arab rulers also come to the borders of Rajasthan in India to hunt this bird. This meat of the flesh is considered to increase sexual power. The victim is hunted by specially trained hawks.

### V

#### **American Senate Proposes Condemnation of Prince of Saudi**

According to **Inquilab** (December 15), the US Senate has passed a resolution condemning the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi against the prince of Saudi Arab, Muhammad bin Salman, accusing him of his murder. In addition, in another proposal, criticizing President Donald Trump on cooperating with Saudi Arabia in Yemen's war, it has been demanded that America should call off its relationship with this war. Republican MPs supported the condemnation of Prince of Saudi Arabia and demanded from the Saudi Arab government to take action against the murderers of this journalist. In this proposal it was demanded that those persons who have been arrested for seeking the rights of women in Saudi Arabia should be released immediately. Economic and social work should be given new momentum. In the proposal, Saudi Arabia has been warned that if it did not stopped purchasing arms and ammunition from Russia and China, its impact will be on Saudi and American relations. The MPs are of the opinion that the Prince of Saudi Arab is directly involved in the murder of this journalist and if the case is prosecuted, the court will declare him guilty within the half an hour. Notably, the murder of this journalist was done inside the Saudi Arabian embassy in Turkey and after this there has been a great tension in the relations between Turkey and Saudi Arabia. It has also been said in the news that



five members of the royal family who took up the case of murder of this journalist have been missing for several weeks. A friend of this journalist had claimed that the journalist had solid information about the relationship between the corruption done by Saudi Arabian royal family and its terrorist connection. That's why he has been murdered. It has been said in the proposal that America should remain away from the attacks on Yemen and these attacks should now be closed. 56 votes were casted in the favor of this proposal while 41 votes were casted in opposition of it.

## VI

### **Financial Assistance for the Rehabilitation of Jews by Christians**

According to **Inquilab** (December 11), over the past decade, Christians of America have provided financial assistance worth millions of dollars for the rehabilitation of Jews in Palestine. According to the newspaper named Harter, in the last few days, Christians of America have given financial assistance worth 50 to 60 million dollars for the rehabilitation of Jews. America's Molad Research Group has said in a report that in America, Christians provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of Jews in Palestine. American Christian organization, Alubel, sent volunteers to help in the work of under construction Jewish Colony in Jordan. Several dozen secret organizations are helping Jews in Palestine. Currently, 1,700 volunteers are supporting the rehabilitation work of the Jews. This organization of Christians helps Israeli journalists by calling them in America. A few months ago the Israeli Home Minister had said that a US organization has recently given 16 thousand dollars to the government.

## I

### Protest against US Sanctions on Iran

According to **Inqilab** (December 9), Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has said that the economic restrictions imposed by Iran by the US are an example of terrorism. The President of Iran discussed the economic sanctions imposed by the US while talking to journalists from Afghanistan, China, Pakistan and Turkey and described it as unconstitutional and unfair. He said that this step of the American President is wrong and we will fight against it. He said that America wants to destroy Iran economically. He is hoping that Iran's economic development will not stop due to US sanctions and it will not face any crisis. They alleged that after the Islamic Revolution of Iran, other countries of the US and Europe are provoking terrorism in Iran. In the last 40 years, 17,000 Iranians have been killed in such incidents. He said that the jihadis of Islamic State attacked the Iranian parliament on the directions of America's warning in 2017 and there were many incidents after that. More recently, terrorist incidents took place in Chabahar. He said that we will fight terrorism and not be afraid of it.

According to **Hamara Samaj** (December 9), European countries have stopped the supply of steel and iron to Iran on the pressure of the United States. Iranian spokesman Ahmed Deen Noor has said that from the European Union he has been given the message that it will not supply iron and steel to Iran at the moment. Iran's economy will be affected by the bans imposed by the US, but Iranians have decided that they will not bow down to the US.

## II

### Famine in Yemen

According to **Siyasat** (December 12), more than 20 million people are victims of famine in Yemen, which is 70 percent of the total population of the country. According to the United Nations data, hunger victims have increased by 15 percent compared to last year. It has been said in the report that if immediate action is not taken, those suffering from hunger will increase by more than 25 lakhs. According to UN Secretary-General Mark Lukak, the situation is worsening day by day due to civil war in Yemen. He said that four states are victims of famine in Yemen. The condition of 50 lakh of these people is very bad. He claimed that out of 333 districts of Yemen, 152 districts are affected by the food crisis while their number was 107 in recent days. Notably, the war started in Yemen in 2014, while Iran's pro-Havvasi insurgents captured the capital Sana'a and overthrew the Mansour Hadi government. Since 2015, the army of Saudi Arabia is struggling with the rebels. Thousands of people have died in this war. The missiles launched by the Havvasis caused damage to many ships due to which around ten thousand people died.

## III

### Video of Murder of Khashoggi

According to **Inqilab** (December 11), an audio-video of the last moments of Arabic journalist Jamal Khashoggi has come up. In the video, the journalist is struggling to save himself from his assassins. His

last words are, “Now I am not able to breathe”. According to American sources, Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi did not die suddenly on October 2, but was killed under a planned conspiracy. According to the video, the killers reported to their officials in Saudi Arabia that they had murdered this journalist. The Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister has refused to hand over the murderers of the journalist to the Turkish government. Notably Turkey's president, Erdogan, had demanded to hand over these killers to Turkey, but the Saudi government has rejected his request. The Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia has said that we are not ready to hand over our citizens to any other government. The Turkish government has issued warrants in the names of 15 Saudi Arabians on whom they have doubt that they have killed this journalist.

## IV

### Oman's Mercy on Israel

According to **Inquilab** (December 11), Oman has allowed Israeli aircraft to use the air boundary of their country. This is announced by the Israeli Prime Minister. Addressing a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Netanyahu said that the Sultan of Oman has allowed the Israeli aircraft to use its country's air boundary. He said that Israel's efforts to improve relations with the Arab countries have been successful. Notably, the Israeli Prime Minister had visited Oman in October and the Sultan of Oman greeted him on the tour. According to the newspapers, the Israeli Prime Minister is in secret contact with several other Arab countries. However, there is no friendly relationship with Oman. Israel shares friendly relations only with Egypt and Jordan.

## V

### Murders by Jihadists in Libya

According to **Inquilab** (December 11) Islamic extremist organization, Islamic State (IS), has killed six people who had been held hostage in Libya two months ago. The Libyan government has confirmed this news. According to the official spokesman, in October, the IS attacked Libya in which 5 people were killed and 10 people were held hostage by the militants. After which 6 others were killed. IS has claimed that it has held many Libyan soldiers hostage and many of them have been killed and their houses have been set on fire.

According to **Inquilab** (December 2), the African Army of America has confirmed the killing of 11 Al-Qaeda terrorists by air strikes in Libya. The people killed are said to have connection with the organization Al-Qaeda al-Magrab. The United States has said that the series of attacks against terrorists will continue.

## I

**Giriraj Singh on Target**

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (November 30), Maulana Asrarul Haq Kasmi has condemned Giriraj Singh for declaring Darul Uloom Deoband a terrorist base and demanded that he should withdraw his statement and apologize publicly. Kasmi has made an appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the Muslims of this country will never tolerate such absurd and baseless allegations. Kasmi has said that Darul Uloom Deoband has always been the center of patriotism and people who received education from this institute work to promote brotherhood and national unity in the country. He said that these statements are political show-off and it aim to mislead the public. Notably, Union Minister Giriraj Singh had come to Deoband recently, while talking to the journalists he said that terrorist don't come from any Gurukul but terrorists like Baghdadi and Hafiz Saeed come out from organizations such as Darul Uloom Deoband. He called Darul Uloom Deoband a base of terrorists. In the same newspaper, statements of several Muslim leaders of Saharanpur have also been prominently published, in which Giriraj Singh's statement has been condemned and it has been demanded from the government that it should take action against this minister because his irresponsible statements will increase communal tension.

**Inquilab** (November 30) has alleged that Union Minister Giriraj Singh is doing ill promotions against Muslims. For this reason, he is speaking ill against some or the other Muslim institution every day. Now he has named Darul Uloom Deoband as a base of terrorism.

According to **Akhbar-E-Mashriq** (November 29), Giriraj Singh has demanded that the name of Deoband should be changed to Devvand.

## II

**Evil Propaganda against Sangh**

**Weekly Nai Duniya** (December 3) has given a title on the main page by publishing a picture Mohan Bhagwat, RSS Chief, and Babri Masjid, "The spark of Ayodhya, the preparation to set Indian on fire, the open threat of RSS, after Ayodhya it is turn of Kashi and Mathura". 'Shahid Siddiqui is unveiling the plans of Sangh Parivar to hunt many birds with one arrow'. In his editorial, Shahid Siddiqui has said that two years ago itself, the newspaper had written what has happened in Ayodhya today, that Narendra Modi will contest Lok Sabha elections on the basis of Ram Temple. The newspaper had written that a few months before the Lok Sabha elections of 2019, the government will bring a law to Parliament to build a Ram temple and when the law will not be passed, the ordinance will be brought. Modi knows that now the name of Ram is in front of him. The plan about the mob gathered on November 25, the slogans that were raised were made by Modi and Amit Shah only. The Sangh Parivar had planned the slogan, about the scale of patience being filled, raised by Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on November 25 in Nagpur. Shiv Sena's Uddhav Thackeray, who showed the sword in Ayodhya, is also part of this alliance. In Ayodhya, the RSS leader, Krishna Gopal has clearly said that we can do

anything to make Ram temple. He also said that after building Ram temple in Ayodhya, the Sangh Parivar will not sit in peace. We will not stop till the temples are built after demolishing the mosque of Kashi and Mathura. He clearly said that Kashi and Mathura are not a slogan, but part of the Sangh Parivar's plan. Modi has three goals from Nagpur to Ayodhya and till the Kumbh Mela of Allahabad and Lok Sabha elections in the year 2019. The first goal is the Supreme Court. By creating an atmosphere for the temple in the entire country, by provoking the public sentiment, the Supreme Court will be pressurized to give decision in favor of Hindus by honoring their sentiments and beliefs. The Sangh chief has clarified that it doesn't has to decide the ownership of land but it has to decide about the construction of Ram Mandir. The Sangh Parivar is confident that there will be such an atmosphere of Ram Bhakti in the coming 3-4 months and such an atmosphere of hatred that the result of it will be that the BJP will once again get more than 300 seats. The second goal is the opposition parties. Some prominent Congress leaders have met the RSS chief and told them that Congress is not in opposition to Ram Mandir and is in favor of building it. Now the Congressmen are openly saying, "Rajiv Gandhi opened the lock, foundation stone was laid by Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao got the Babri Masjid demolished and now we will build the Ram Mandir too". The third target is the election of 2019. In the last week of January, the Modi government will bring an ordinance on Ram Mandir and accuse the Congress and other opposition parties for not getting the law passed in Parliament. The plan of BJP is that the Ayodhya dispute should be provoked so much that the Modi Government's failures, rising inflation, unemployment and failed demonetisation will hide behind the curtains and discussions will be only on the Ram Mandir across the country. The BJP will have a majority in the Rajya Sabha in 2019 and after the majority in the Rajya Sabha, the Sangh Parivar will implement its program. The program to build temples by demolishing the mosques in Kashi and Mathura will be implemented on a wider scale. Alok Kumar, President of Vishva Hindu Parishad, has formed a program along with BJP President Amit Shah to run Ram Mandir movement in every Lok Sabha constituency and organize a public meeting. Groups will be formed for each seat and they will ask for vote on the name of Ram Mandir.

Now the Parliament session is going and bill on Ram Mandir will introduced in it. It will not be presented by the government, rather a private member will present it. There will be a lot of rampage in Indian politics in the coming few months. There will be so much hatred in the country that it will take decades to finish it.

### III

#### Attack on Municipal Staffs

According to **Inquilab** (November 30) some people, near the Jama Masjid, attacked the municipal staffs when they went to remove the encroachment. The municipal staff left the truck and ran away to save themselves. The crowd started sabotage. The police had detained two people in this regard. The Imam Syed Ahmad Bukhari, the Imam of the Masjid, got them released by pressurizing the police. The people who did encroachment are saying that the municipal staff came there to remove them from the Shahi Gate of the Jama Masjid when they were settling their shops on the roadside. Those doing encroachment have alleged that the municipal staff also took away Quran and other Islamic books being sold on the footpath and put them in their truck. Many people gathered there on the backdrop of the insult of Islamic books and they attacked the truck and broke its glasses. Police reached the spot and



detained two people. Shahi Imam reached the police station with a crowd of Muslims and the crowd surrounded the police station and started raising slogans. Shahi Imam started threatening the police and the municipal corporation on the loudspeaker from the Jama Masjid. On this, the police got panicked and released the two men who were detained.

## IV

### Ijtema of Tablighi Jamaat

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (December 11), an international Ijtema was organized by Tablighi Jamaat in Karnool district of Andhra Pradesh. In which it is been claimed that 15 lakh Muslims participated. In connection with this Ijtema, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has congratulated the Muslims and said that his government is making efforts for the upliftment of Muslims which is not been done in any other state of the country. Andhra Pradesh's Minister, Mohammad Farooq, visited the spot of Ijtema to inspect the arrangements related to it. The government had given a grant of Rs 10 crore 40 lakh for this mega conclave and a 140-acre land where a 50 lakh square tent was installed for 30 lakh people. MLA SV Mohan Reddy said that this is historic Ijtema. This is for the first time that the government has accepted such a huge amount for organizing any religious event. The conference was attended by people from 13 countries and this event lasted for 40 days. Its purpose is to propagate Islam and drive the conversion of religion.

The authorities of Ijtema have criticized the notice given by the district administration and have demanded to withdraw it. He said that although the managers had asked for permission from the government for two lakh people to participate in Ijtema, but why this number increased? Therefore it is absolutely wrong to impose any kind of penalty on managers on this backdrop. He claimed that there was no disturbance in this Ijtema, so it is wrong to give notice to the managers.

According to **Inquilab** (December 4), Ijtema was organized by Tablighi Jamaat in Bulandshahr, in which as per the organizers twenty lakh people participated. This ceremony went on for three days and ended with the prayer of Tablighi Jamaat chief Maulana Saad. Ramkumar, the Director General of Police of Meerut, was in Bulandshahr all the time to maintain peace. According to the organizers Kanhaiya Lal Sharma, the manager of the Shiv Temple committee, had opened the temple to offer Namaz. But due to the riots in the case of cow slaughter, the media did not print the news of Ijtema prominently. According to the organizers, representative of 15 countries had participated in this Ijtema and it was organized by Tablighi Jamaat in Dariyapur village with the support of Muslim people. The people participating in this Ijtema had reached the venue in their own vehicles.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (December 4), Muslims had set up thousands of camps on the way for the people who attended this Ijtema. They supplied free food items in these camps.

## V

### First Muslim Mayor of Kolkata

According to **Etemaad** (November 23), West Bengal's Civil Development Minister Farhad Hakim has been appointed as the new mayor of Kolkata. He will also be the leader of the Trinamool Congress in

Kolkata Municipal Corporation. On the instructions of Mamata Banerjee, Soodan Chatterjee has resigned from the post of Mayor. Apart from this, he has also resigned from the state cabinet. After the country's independence, Hakim is the first Muslim mayor of city. Yatin Ghosh has been appointed Deputy Mayor in place of Iqbal Ahmed. Yatin has said that I am a soldier of the party and will work for the development of the town. Mamata Banerjee has denied that there has been any difference in the Trinamool Congress leaders on the appointment of Hakim as the mayor.

## VI

### Problems of Cemeteries in Delhi

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (December 8) there is no place left for burial of dead bodies in cemeteries of Delhi. Delhi Minority Commission raised the issue of not providing a place for burial of Muslims in the capital. MLA from Matiyamahal area, Asim Ahmad Khan, has decided to run a campaign in the capital that no Muslim should make his grave permanent. He said that we have a very limited place now for the burial, so we should use the cemeteries with proper planning. Muslims should avoid making permanent graves, because due to permanent graves it is not possible to bury more dead bodies. Notably, the Delhi Minority Commission has warned in its Annual Report that in the coming years, Muslims will not find a place in the cemeteries to bury their dead bodies. It is alleged that the managers of several cemeteries in Delhi are charging huge amount for burial. According to the report, there are 704 graveyards at this time in Delhi, but only 130 of them can be used to bury the dead bodies. The remaining cemeteries have either been occupied by land mafias and new colonies have been constructed on them or they are completely full, so it is not possible to make new graves in them. 16 graveyard disputes are going on in the courts. He said that due to wrong policies of the government, the MLA fund for development is not being spent on the cemeteries. He requested the management committee of the Median graveyard not to allow any person to build a permanent grave in the future.

## VII

### New Vice Chancellor Appointed for Aligarh Muslim University

According to **Inquilab** (December 3), Bohra chief Dr Mufaddal Saifuddin has been appointed as the Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University for the second time, while Nawab Syed Ahmad of the Chhatari has been nominated as a Pro-Vice Chancellor. Apart from this, President of Ibban Sina Academy Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman has been nominated as the unpaid treasurer of the University. This decision was made in the Court of Aligarh Muslim University. In which more than a hundred members of the court were involved. According to a notification issued by the university's registrar Mohammad Abdul Hamid, the duration of these three officers will be three years. Vice Chancellor Prof. Tariq Mansoor is hoping that under these experienced persons, the University will further develop. The court meeting was attended by, MP Hassan Dehlavi, K.C. Tyagi, former Uttar Pradesh Minister Dr. Aman Rizvi, Kamal Farooqui, Mirajuddin Ahmed, Sirajuddin Qureshi, SM Khan, Zafar Iqbal, Syed Zafar Mahmood.

## VIII

### Life of Forty Lakh Muslims in Danger

According to **Weekly Nai Duniya** (December 18), the newspaper has complained that the life of 40 lakh Muslims in Assam is in danger as they are being removed from their homes. Where they will go? Who will listen to them? No one is able to understand this. They are born and brought up in India itself. They are being told that they are not the residents of India rather they are Bangladeshi infiltrators. Due to this there is a question mark on the life of these 40 lakh people. They are not being considered as a citizen of Assam. The names of lakhs of them are on the voters list, ration card is being issued on their names. Many of them also have passports. Yet they are not being accepted as Indians. The case of citizen register is being defied by the old governments of Assam. But after the BJP came to power, the campaign to make these Muslims homeless has increased. There are many Hindus also who are being deprived of citizenship. Deadline is ending in the last week of December. These 40 lakh people will have to register their names in the voters list by showing the document. So far, only 7 lakh of these people have been able to register their names. The question is, the people who will be deprived of citizenship, where will they go? Where will they stay? Bangladesh has made it clear that it will not allow any person, who has left Bangladesh, to enter their country because they are not the citizens of their country. Their condition will be like Rohingyas. The task of making a list of civil list on the directions of the Supreme Court in Assam began on September 25, whose deadline ends on December 25. But till now 40 lakh people have not been able to register their names in this list. When some people tried to get their names registered, their documents were rejected. Hanif Ali, 48, is living in Assam since two generations. He claims that the name of his grandfather, Mukarram Ali, was in the national civic list of 1951. But the officials are not ready to believe this. This is the reason that 20 family members of Hanif have not been included in this list. The draft of the National Citizen List was published on July 30. It included 2 crore 90 lakh people. While 3 crore 39 lakh people have requested for registration. But the names of 40 lakh people were not recorded in it. This has caused a big controversy. These people can become a headache for the BJP and the Assam Gana Parishad government.

The Panchayat elections in Assam will decide the direction of Lok Sabha elections in 2019. The question is, where will the people who are deprived of citizenship go? There is no answer to this question.

Assam Gana Parishad says that all those coming from Bangladesh should be sent back. But the BJP just wants to send Muslims back. Its intention is to give citizenship to Hindus. There are around 10 lakh Hindus among those 40 lakh people who are being denied of citizenship.

## IX

### Fraud of Lakhs of Rupees in Dargah

According to **Inquilab** (December 12), Muslims protested against Syed Keshar Bakri, manager of Shia Wakf Board in Dargah-e-Aaliya Najaf-e-Hind Jogipura in District Bijnor and alleged that managers did fraud of lakhs of rupees in Dargah. He did fraud by selling all the iron of the Dargah. In addition, he also did fraud through the rent of the shops of the Dargah. In order to curtail these charges, the Dargah Manager, Bakri, has registered a case of assault against nine persons by taking support of a Maulana of Nau Gaon Sadat. It is said that this Maulana had used derogatory words in a

speech in 2013 against some Sunnis. After this he was banned them from reading in Majlis. People have alleged that huge amount is been taken from the devotees who come in this Dargah which is not mentioned in any record.

## X

### **Increase in the Wages of Imams and Khadims in Haryana**

According to **Inquilab** (December 13), the Haryana Waqf Board has decided to increase the salaries of all the Imams and Khadims. According to Waqf Board President Rahim Khan, the salary of Imam has been increased by 1500 rupees. So far the Imams of Waqf Board were paid Rs. 10500. Now it will increase to 12000. Imams were seeking increments for several months. And they also protested at many places. With this, the salaries of Khadims have also been increased and their job has been made permanent. Maulana Abdul Basit, secretary of Anjuman of Imam, has said that the increase made by the state government is inadequate as the Imams in Delhi are being paid Rs. 18000 each as monthly salary. He has said that the peon's salary in Haryana is Rs. 16000 and the Imams are being paid less than that. It is known that in 1993 the Supreme Court had approved the petition of All India Imam Organization that the Imams should be given equal pay as of the first class officers of the government. At that time, the Haryana Waqf Board had said that due to the economic crisis, it is not possible to give such a sum to the Imams. In addition, Imams are not the permanent government servant.

## XI

### **There is a Rise in the Number of Triple Talaq!**

According to **Inquilab** (December 15), the government has brought an ordinance to ban Triple Talaq and a bill in this regard is under consideration in the Rajya Sabha. In response to a question in the Parliament, it was told that 248 cases of Triple Talaq have been lodged in different police stations of the country after the verdict against Triple Talaq by the Supreme Court. However, according to the information published in the media since January, 2017, the numbers of such cases are 477. The government accepted that despite efforts, people are not against the Triple Talaq. During the monsoon session of the Parliament, the revised bill was not passed on Triple Talaq. The Modi Cabinet had made three amendments in the bill in August 2018, according to which the magistrate was given the right to give the bail and both the parties can compromise with the permission of the court. In addition to this, earlier any person could file the case in regard to the Triple Talaq but now according to the new amendment, the women affected from Triple Talaq or any of his close relatives will be able to register the case. Before the amendment, Triple Talaq was a non-bailable offense and the police could arrest any person without warrant. But now there is a provision in the revised bill that the magistrate will have the right to give bail. Earlier there was no provision for a compromise between the two parties. Now there is a provision of compromise after the permission of the magistrate.

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