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Summary

As soon as the election bugle sounded in a few states, some Muslim organisations launched efforts to instigate Muslims against the BJP government. They know it very well that Muslims are sensitive on issues related to Quran and the Prophet and hence their emotions could easily be exploited by highlighting such issues. In the past also violence was unleashed many a times in the country in the name of alleged insult to the Prophet. Recently, a new organisation called Tahreek Farogh-e-Islam has surfaced. Its headquarters is in Zakir Nagar (Okhla) in Delhi. Its chief Maulana Qamar Ghani Usmani's name has also come up in the news for the first time. Meanwhile, it is a fact that for the past one year, a section of Bareilvi Muslims in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh is trying to provoke people in the name of alleged insult to the Prophet and Islam. The issue may take a serious turn as Ala Hazrat Tauqeer Raza of Bareilly Dargah has extended his support to the campaign.

Who doesn't know the fact that Taliban has its links with Darul Uloom Deoband? The Wahabi tradition that the Deobandi sect follows is not hidden from anyone. After the Partition of the country, a group of Deobandis left for Pakistan where they established Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam. Currently, four banned terrorist organisations including the Taliban are linked to this organisation. The office-bearers of Deoband frequently wax eloquent about the contribution of Muslim Ulema to the freedom movement. However, the truth is that these people never had anything to do with the freedom movement of the country. Their only aim has been to once again establish Islamic rule in this country.

The decision of the Uttar Pradesh government to set up anti-terrorism centres in 12 Muslim-majority districts has become a target of opposition attack. The opposition parties are getting ready to extract maximum political mileage out of this issue in the forthcoming elections. However, it is difficult to say how much they will succeed in these efforts.

Fundamentalist Muslim organisations are peeved at the recommendation of Aligarh zila panchayat asking the state government to change the name of Aligarh district to Harigarh. In the past, these same organisations were strongly opposed to changing the name of Allahabad to Prayagraj. The question that arises here is whether it is right for us to stick to the names that the foreign conquerors had given after changing their ancient names using the strength of their sword?

After 20 years, the US has finally left Afghanistan with their bag and baggage and Taliban took over the reins of the country. The Indian government has started making efforts to hold unofficial talks with Taliban. However, it is difficult to say what turn the Afghanistan politics would take in future.

After a gap of one-and-a-half years, the Saudi Arabian government has decided to lift the curbs imposed on Haj and Umrah pilgrimage following the outbreak of Corona pandemic. Now, people from across the world can visit Saudi Arabia for Umrah.



Attempts to instigate Muslims in the name of Prophet and Quran



Chief of Tahreek Farogh-e-Islam, Qamar Ghani Usmani, while addressing journalists at press club, threatened that Muslims are now prepared to hit the streets, come what may. He said they would no longer tolerate any insult to Quran and the Prophet. Muslims are getting ready to launch a massive agitation in this connection. According to YouTube channel Hindustan Live, he said there was an increase in incidents of insulting the Quran and the Prophet. The Prophet and Quran are very important to us. We are ready to sacrifice our lives but will not tolerate any insult to them under any circumstances. He said there is a spike in cases where Muslims are targeted through mob lynching. He alleged that the government has so far failed to stop such anti-Muslim activities. Now we have no other option except to take to the streets to get justice.

Inquilab (August 25) reports that a meeting of Tahreek Farogh-e-Islam took place in Delhi where it was announced that a protest would be held in Jantar Mantar to draw the attention of the

government towards the injustice meted out to Muslims and the sense of insecurity being felt by them. Maulana Usmani alleged that he has been arrested in an illegal manner to stop him from organising the protest.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 8) states that the founder of Raza Academy, Muhammad Saeed Noori, had alleged that in the film Navarasa, there is disparaging remarks against Quran. It has hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims. He demanded that the government take stringent action against those responsible for the conspiracy.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 17) has published an article written by Abdul Bari Khan in which it has been alleged that Muslims are not getting justice in this country and they are facing threat to their life and property. Also, false accusations are made against them. Madrasas are being banned and interferences are made in Sharia law. He said that now some miscreants have started targeting the Prophet of Islam and the Quran. In order to stop this, the

grandson of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar and the national president of Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi have prepared the draft of a law which recommends stringent action against those who insult the Prophet or any other religious leaders. The draft law has been released at a press conference organised by Mumbai Journalists Union on June 17. In this connection, a bill was also introduced in the Maharashtra Assembly on July 6 but Muslim leaders took no interest in it. He said they were trying to ensure that the bill would be introduced in Rajya Sabha by Aam Aadmi Party member Sanjay Singh.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 22) reports that the Sajjadanashin (hereditary administrator) of Bareilly Dargah, Tauqeer Raza Khan, has demanded that the Indian government should immediately accept the draft law prepared by Raza Academy to stop any insult to the Prophet. He said the Bareilvi sect would organise a meeting in order to make the law get passed. He urged Muslims to vote for only those Muslim leaders who are willing to support this draft law in the House. He said whoever insults the Prophet, Quran or the founder of any religion, there should be a provision to hang him or give him life sentence.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 19) reports that a delegation of Muslims met Nationalist Congress Party MP Supriya Sule and brought her attention to the atmosphere being created against

Muslims in the country and demanded that she introduce the proposed bill in this connection. They also demanded that Muslims should be given 5% reservation in educational institutions in Maharashtra.

Inquilab (August 29) reports that the chief of Tahreek Farogh-e-Islam, Qamar Ghani Usmani, while expressing concern over the anti-Muslim campaign in the country, demanded that the Indian government take stringent action against those who disrespect Islam, Prophet and its belief system and against those who spread communalism in the country. In this connection, he also sent a memorandum to the President. In a press conference, Usmani also alleged that soon after the BJP government came to power, efforts were made to hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims and also spit venom against Islam and the sad thing is that the Indian government is giving protection to such people. He alleged that at one level, Prime Minister Narendra Modi raises the slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.' At another level, Yati Narsimhanand, who disrespected the dignity of Prophet, has been given protection and a conspiracy has been hatched against Muslims. Mufti Akhtar Raza Mazari said the majority community is being misled by stating that they are facing danger from Muslims. He threatened that if no action is taken against the enemies of Muslims, then they would take to the streets.

Controversy over changing the name of Aligarh

Avadhnama (August 18) reports that the Yogi government has been changing the names of different cities in Uttar Pradesh and preparations are currently on to change the name of Aligarh as well. In this connection, Aligarh zilapanchayat has accepted a proposal to rename Aligarh as Harigarh. This proposal was presented at a meeting by Kahari Singh and Umesh

Yadav and it has been unanimously endorsed by all the members. Now, preparations are being made to change the name of Mainpuri as well. A proposal has been received to rename the city in the name of Mayan Rishi. But when it was presented before the meeting, many members opposed it. In the end, chairperson of zilapanchayat Archana



Bhadauria accepted the suggestion to rename Mainpuri as Mayan Nagar. Now these proposals would be sent to Yogi government for final approval. The present chairperson of zilapanchayat in Aligarh is a relative of Late Kalyan Singh. And this was the first time BJP has won the Mainpuri zilapanchayat.

Earlier in 1992, during the regime of Kalyan Singh, efforts were made to rename Aligarh as Harigarh. However, the Congress government at the Centre refused to grant permission for the same. Later, after the Yogi government came to power, Allahabad has been changed to Prayagraj, Faizabad has been changed to Ayodhya and Mughal Sarai has been changed as Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Nagar. This apart, Khalilabad has been changed to Sant Kabir Nagar.

The newspaper alleged that the BJP has been trying to change the names of several cities like Ferozabad, Aurangabad, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad. Its aim is to remove all symbols of Islam and Muslims from India. However, Muslim leaders claim that Yogi government is a failure on all fronts. Hence it is raising communal issues to polarise the majority community votes ahead of the forthcoming assembly elections.

Siasat (August 19) has also alleged that the BJP is changing the names of different cities to polarise the voters. In 2019, when Allahabad was changed as

Prayagraj, there was strong protest against it. That time Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said we did what we felt right. Action would be taken wherever it is necessary.

Hamara Samaj (August 19) has strongly criticised changing of the name Aligarh. Saharanpur MP Haji Fazlur Rahman said the entire world knows Aligarh because of Aligarh Muslim University. But now communal elements are raking up frivolous issues to satisfy their political interests. Secretary of UP Rabita Committee, Dr Ubaid Iqbal said some communal elements are raking up such issues to create a situation that would help win elections. However, the state's knowledgeable public will not allow such gimmicks to triumph. A lawyer from Aligarh, Naseem Ansari, said since no development is taking place under the Yogi regime, it is coming up with such new issues to hide its failure.

Inquilab (August 4) reports that minister of state for home Nityanand Rai told Lok Sabha that there is a demand to rename the Jhansi railway station as Virangana Lakshmibai Railway Station. Earlier, the zilapanchayat in Firozabad had demanded that the city's name should be changed to Chandranagar.

Inquilab (August 3) reports that a proposal to change the name of Firozabad to Chandra Nagar was presented before the zilapanchayat by block chief Lakshmi

Narayan Yadav and after its approval, it has been sent to the district magistrate. The proposal states that the original name of Firozabad was Chandra Nagar and it was changed to Firozabad in 1556 during the reign of Akbar. However, historian Irfan Habib states that the original name Chandra Nagar never existed. This city was established by Firoz Shah Tughlak and it was he who named it as Firozabad. Now some communal elements are deliberately changing it to Chandra Nagar for political benefits.

Inquilab (September 1) reports that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced a complete ban on sale of meat and liquor in Mathura. Opposing the decision of the chief minister, editor of 'The Wire,' Sidharth Varadarajan said there are 18% Muslims and 20% Dalits in Mathura who are non-vegetarians. What power the government has got to deny them their traditional food? Journalist Arfa Khanum Sherwani said this is highhandedness of the majority community. Now they will decide what the minority community would eat and wear.

Etemaad (September 2) in its editorial, while condemning the Uttar Pradesh government's ban on sale of meat in Mathura, said that as the Assembly elections come nearer, the Hindutva agenda of Yogi government unravels itself. The names of cities are being changed. Muslims are booked in fake cases. The newspaper states that a ban has been imposed on the sale of meat in different cities of the country. However, Muslims stay in huge numbers in these places. Due to the ban, they are unable to eat meat. In 2017, after the BJP government came to power in Uttar Pradesh, a ban was imposed on the slaughter of big animals, leaving lakhs of people unemployed. The newspaper states

that the ban on the use of meat and liquor is against the basic spirit of the Constitution.

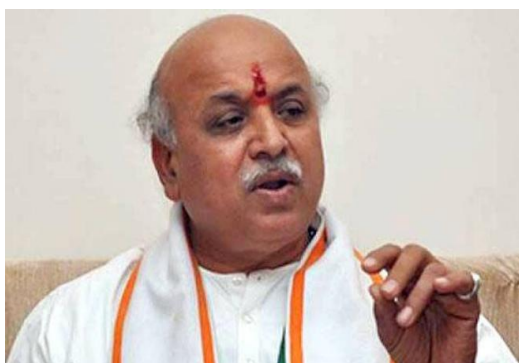
Summary: It is a historical fact that the foreign rulers, after their victory, used to change the names of the cities on the strength of their sword. In 1303, Alauddin Khilji changed the name of Chittor to Khizrabad. In the same way, the Tughlak dynasty changed the renowned city of south India, Devagiri, as Daulatabad and also changed the capital of Kakatiya dynasty, Warangal, as Sultanpur. Under the Mughals, the system of Hindu pilgrimage centres being renamed continued. Shahjahan changed the name of Agra to Akbarabad and Aurangzeb changed the name of Mathura to Mohammadabad. Similarly, Aurangzeb changed the name of Satara to Aurangabad. Now Shiv Sena has changed Aurangabad to Sambhaji Nagar. Tipu Sultan had changed the name of Mysore to Nazarabad and Mangalore to Jalalabad. Calicut was changed to Islamabad. Later when the Wodeyar (Wadiyar) dynasty came to power, they restored the original names.

Here it is necessary to mention that Ahmad Shah Abdali, after the capture of Mathura, changed its name as Islam Nagar and Vrindavan was changed as Mohammad Nagar. Those who know history know it very well that the original name of Aligarh was Kol, which was changed as Aligarh by Ghiyasud-din-Balban. The interesting thing is that in the 60s, socialist leader Ram Manohar Lohiya had unleashed a nationwide campaign demanding that the roads named after English and foreign rulers should be changed and sought removal of statues of foreigners. Due to the campaign, at least 20 roads in Delhi were renamed and more than two dozen statues of British rulers were shifted from public places.

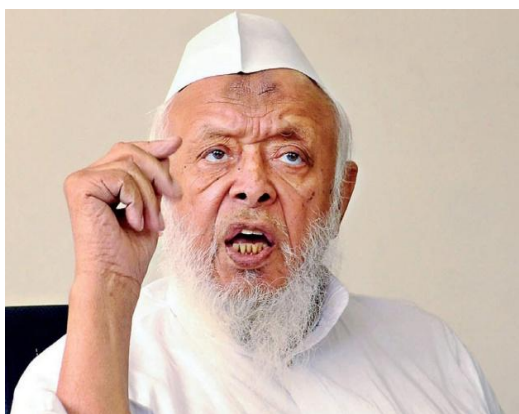
Demand to ban Darul Uloom Deoband

Mumbai Urdu News (August 31) reports that after the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, former leader of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Pravin Togadia said the

development could be a morale booster for terrorists in Kashmir. Taliban is linked to Darul Uloom Deoband and the Deobandi ideology. There are crores of Tablighis in



India and due to this there is a grave danger of Talibanisation in the country. Togadia has demanded the Indian government should immediately ban Darul Uloom Deoband, Tablighi Jamaat and Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, which are all based on Taliban ideology, and also close down all their madrasas and masjids. Otherwise India will not escape from terrorism. He said those who have the habit of giving asylum to terrorists in this country could go ahead with it. But they have to remember the fate of France. France had given asylum to Muslims from Nigeria but now the younger generation of the same Muslims are spreading Islamic terrorism in that country and cutting the throats of people. He said that Taliban was born in Pakistan. Pakistan is their mother and Darul Uloom Deoband is their father.



Taking strong exception to the charges of Togadia, chief of Jamiat Ulema and principal of Darul Uloom Deoband, Maulana Arshad Madani, released a 10-minute video in which he stated that they had made lot of sacrifices for the freedom of the country from British. What did you do? He (Togadia) was saying that for

Taliban, Tablighi Jamaat is their mother and Darul Uloom Deoband is their father. He said he was shocked that Taliban has been linked to Tablighi Jamaat. It is a holy religious institution which teaches only how to reach heaven and how to escape the hell. What is shocking is that he has sought to close down Darul Uloom Deoband. Maybe he doesn't know the history of this institution. Thousands of Muslim scholars linked to Darul Uloom Deoband were killed by the British and were hanged at the gallows. Sheikh Ul-Hind Maulana Mohammad Hussain was expelled from the country and sent to Malta. Thousands of sons of Deoband waged war against the British but did not apologise. Nobody can deny the role of Deoband in the freedom struggle. I would like to ask Togadia what you have done for the freedom of this country? What was the role of your forefathers in the freedom struggle? You are getting your full meals. What right have you got to ignore those who sacrificed their life for the freedom of the country and spent several decades in jail? He said that Jamiat Ulema is involved in the welfare of people without any religious discrimination.

Inquilab (September 1) states that Popular Front has claimed that SanghParivar is writing the false history of the country. They are tampering with history. The Indian Council of Historical Research has decided to remove the names of 387 freedom fighters linked to the Moplah Rebellion of 1921 from the list of freedom fighters which is totally unfortunate. The sacrifices of Muslims were singled out and removed from the freedom struggle of the country so that they could be presented as villains. The Popular Front has asked the Central government that the names of people related to Moplah Rebellion which were removed from the list of freedom fighters should be re-entered in the list.

The Indian government and the Indian Council for Historical Research removed the names of the Moplah rebels from the list of freedom fighters because

they committed mass murder of Hindus and tortured them. More than 2,700 Hindus were killed in the Moplah riots.

What is the historical truth?

The chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Arshad Madani, has deliberately forgotten the history of his organisation. He has skilfully pulled a curtain over several truths. However, the historical facts are just the opposite of his claims. It cannot be denied that Darul Uloom Deoband and Jamiat Ulema are linked to the Wahabi tradition. The Wahabi tradition was started by Imam Mohammad bin Abdul Wahab. Its aim is to end the wrong customs and traditions in Islam and present Islam in its purest form. In India, the Wahabi ideology was started by Shah Waliullah Dehlavi, who received education along with Abdul Wahab in a madrasa in Mecca. The aim of Shah Waliullah was to turn India from a Darul-Harb to Darul-Islam (fort of Islam). That is why he invited Ahmad Shah Abdali to attack India. After his death, his son Shah Abdul Aziz became his successor. His two disciples were Muhammad Qasim Nanautavi and Rashid Ahmad Gangohi. These were the two who founded Darul Uloom Deoband in 1866. It is clear from this that Darul Uloom Deoband is linked to WahabiJamaat.

Arshad Madani has also claimed that the Ulema linked to Darul Uloom Deoband took an active part in the country's freedom struggle. However, the reality is that the Ulema linked to this organisation are Wahabis and their only aim is to re-establish an Islamic nation in India. For example, Titumir started a war in Bengal for the establishment of an Islamic nation.

He captured the fort of a zamindar in Nadia, Raja Krishnadeva Rai, and erected an Islamic flag. In Bihar and Punjab too the Wahabi agitation had only one aim—to establish an Islamic state in India. The Jamiat Ulema makes tall claims about participating in the freedom struggle of the country. It was the leaders of Jamiat Ulema who formed the Khilafat committee. In the Khilafat declaration announced in Delhi in 1919, there was no mention of country's freedom. The declaration had three main demands. The Ottoman Sultanate should not be divided. The post of Khalifa should be preserved and the control of Mecca-Medina should be handed over to the Khalifa. It was the same Khilafat committee that later on took the shape of Jamiat Ulema. After the Partition of the country, the Jamiat Ulema too got divided and the major group left for Pakistan. There, Maulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani established a new organisation named Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam. There are four main terrorist organisations linked to this organisation namely Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, Sipah-e-Sahaba and Afghan Taliban. It is clear from this that Taliban is linked to Deobandi Jamaat.

As far as Tablighi Jamaat is concerned, it was established in 1926 in order to foil the 'Shuddhi movement' launched by Arya Samaj. Maulana Azad, AllamaIqbal, Mufti Mohammad Hussain, Mufti Khifayatullah and many other Muslim scholars were leaders of this organisation. This organisation is now spread in over 100 countries of the world and its followers number nearly 10 crore.

Row over offering namaz in mosques

The controversy over offering namaz in mosques in Delhi has taken gigantic proportions. According to YouTube channel Hindustan Live, a large number of people went to Firoz Shah Kotla to offer namaz. However, the police did not grant them permission to offer namaz. Two days

ago, chairperson of Delhi Waqf Board, Amanatullah, had assured people that they would get permission to offer namaz in masjids. However, on Friday, when people reached the masjids to offer namaz, the police did not allow them to enter and offer namaz. Chairman of Waqf Board



Amanatullah has made it clear that since the Lt Governor has banned faithful from entering mandirs, masjids and gurdwaras due to Corona pandemic, permission cannot be granted for people to enter masjids and offer namaz. He said that due to his efforts, police have allowed only imams of the masjid and other employees to enter masjid and do cleaning and other services.

Inquilab (August 31) reports that demands are once again being raised to allow namaz in masjids which are under the control of archaeological department. **Inquilab** has written that recently the high court had directed the Central government to give permission to people in Khirki masjid to offer namaz. The newspaper claimed that it is clearly mentioned in the laws related to monuments under the Archaeology department that the nature and use of such monuments cannot be altered. The newspaper also wrote that if people are not allowed to offer namaz then why exhibitions, meetings and government offices are allowed to operate from there?

However, the truth is that the government had made it clear in the Parliament many times that people can offer worship only in such places where the worship was still taking place when it was taken over by the government.

When the VP Singh government was in power, several debates took place on the issue in the Parliament and the government admitted that there were 265 temples, masjids and churches under the Archaeology department in the country where no permission is granted to offer worship. This is because when it was taken over, no worship was being held in them.

As far as Delhi is concerned, various Muslim organisations have been running a campaign for the past several decades that they should be given permission to offer namaz in the historical masjids which are under the control of Archaeological department. Four decades ago, Muslims had organised an agitation in Delhi for the same purpose supported by Muslim Majlis Mushawarat, Jamiat Ulema, Jamat-e-Islami, Shia Council and others. In this connection, the then Shahi imam of Jama Masjid, Late Maulana Syed Abdullah Bukhari, also took active part. Due to the increasing pressure from Muslims, the then prime minister Indira Gandhi deputed the then foreign affairs minister P V Narasimha Rao to find a solution to the controversy. In that meeting, apart from Narasimha Rao, education minister Sheila Kaul and many Muslim leaders like Syed Ahmad Hashmi, C K Jaffar Sharif, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Syed Shahabuddin, Maulana Ahmad Ali, Ghulam Mahmood Banatwala, Amirul

Hazan Rizvi and others took part. But the meeting could not resolve the issue. Muslim crowds, throwing the directions of the government to the wind, started doing namaz at Safdarjung and in many other historical masjids. The Archaeological department filed cases against them with police. However, due to political pressure the police remained inactive. According to Syed Shahabuddin, Muslims started offering namaz at the Shahi masjid Safdarjung and in 20 other historical

masjids but later the government stopped it. Now Muslim leaders have once again started raking up the issue. General Secretary of National Heritage Protection Council, Mohammad Salim, said that a nation-wide agitation is being launched seeking the right to offer namaz at ancient masjids in the country. Before Corona period, Muslims were given permission to enter Taj Mahal and a few other monuments without tickets to offer Juma namaz.

ATS commando centres proposed in 12 districts in UP

Inquilab (August 19) reports that the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to open anti-terrorism centres in 12 districts of the state. Additional chief secretary Avanish Awasthi said the places where these centres would be opened include Deoband, Bahraich, Shravasti, Meerut, Aligarh, Kanpur, Azamgarh etc. In Deoband, an office has already been functioning in order to keep an eye on the activities of terrorists. It was established three years ago when more than a dozen foreign spies having their contacts with terrorist organisations were caught from the area. The intelligence wing has also claimed that several gangs are operating in Deoband area helping illegal intruders in the country to get fake Aadhar cards and other documents. In this connection, several raids were conducted in Deoband area in the past.

After this announcement by the Uttar Pradesh government, the opposition has started targeting the Yogi government. After the statements of Opposition, additional chief secretary Avanish Awasthi told reporters that the Yogi government has decided to make the anti-terrorism wing more active. In this connection, a detailed report was sought from the home ministry and the intelligence department. It was on the basis of this report that the government



decided to open commando centres of ATS in more than a dozen districts of Uttar Pradesh. In order to establish these centres, land has already been acquired in the districts and construction work will also begin soon. This apart, employees have already been deputed to these centres. He said that ATS units have been established in Deoband, Saharanpur, Bahraich, Shravasti, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Meerut, Greater Noida, Kanpur, Mirzapur and in Sonbhadra districts. This apart, the centres would be established in Varanasi and Jhansi as well. In these two places, the search for land is still on. Avasthi has made it clear that in each centre, there would be 15 to 20 training officers. Their functioning would be on the line of NSG. In Uttar Pradesh, the ATS was established in 2017 and the responsibility for training its members has been handed over to the officers of BSF, CISF and IB.

Last US soldier leaves Afghanistan



Siasat (September 1) reports that after 20 years, US had to finally pack their bags and leave Afghanistan. By August 31, the all troops were withdrawn from Afghanistan and a US military plane carrying the Ambassador and other employees also left the country. The newspaper stated that the US started its military campaign against Taliban soon after the 9/11 attacks. According to US government sources, the United States has spent 23 trillion dollars in Afghanistan and more than 2,500 US soldiers lost their lives in Afghanistan. The US soldiers had camped in Afghanistan from October 2001 to August 31, 2021. A government spokesperson said some US citizens are trapped in the country and efforts are on to shift them out of the country. The US had been making efforts to extend the August 31 deadline to withdraw soldiers from Afghanistan by some more time. However, due to the adamant stand of Taliban, it could not succeed in its plan. Taliban have fully taken over the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul and announced that now Afghanistan has got full freedom. Taliban celebrated the departure of America by firing in the air in Kabul.

Siasat (August 29) published a report which states that the chief of Afghan

Taliban Hibatullah Akhundzada is a man shrouded in secrecy. He rarely appears in public places. After the killing of Taliban chief Mullah Omar in Afghanistan, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor was selected as his successor but he also got killed in an American attack. In 2016, Hibatullah was appointed as the new Amir. It is being said that Hibatullah has never appeared in public due to security reasons. When Taliban spokesperson Jabiullah Mujahid was asked about Taliban chief, he said that he deliberately stays in a secret place. He generally stays in Kandahar and never meets a foreign leader or Taliban cadre.

Avadhnama (August 18) has claimed that efforts are on to form a government in Afghanistan and very soon an important announcement would be made in this connection. In its editorial, Avadhnama also said that for future politics, it is necessary that the Indian government should take efforts to establish relationship with the Taliban in Afghanistan and ensure that the developmental projects continue in that country.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 1) has carried this as its main story and headlined it as “America leaves with huge humiliation, Celebratory mood in entire

Afghanistan, Thanksgiving prayers in every mosque and firing in air. On behalf of Taliban, Muslims across the world are urged to unite against Israel and liberate Jerusalem from the clutches of Jews.”

In its August 19 edition, the same newspaper had predicted that as soon as America leaves Afghanistan, ISIS also

would end its war with Taliban. This is because ISIS is a puppet in the hands of America. Turkey has withdrawn its troops from Afghanistan and President Erdogan had also announced that Turkey would not take the responsibility of security at Kabul airport.

Germany refuses to extend help to Afghanistan

Etemaad (August 18) reports that Germany has announced that it would not extend any kind of help to Taliban which has captured power in Afghanistan. The German foreign minister said the financial aid that his country has been giving to Afghanistan has been stopped. We are making efforts to pull out German citizens

involved in developmental projects and also NGO workers from that country. The 504 million dollar financial aid that Germany has been extending to Afghanistan every year is the biggest such aids. German soldiers were also taking part in military operations in Afghanistan as part of NATO alliance.

Ban on co-education in Afghanistan



Etemaad (August 22) reports that Taliban has banned co-education in Afghanistan and said that several social evils are taking place due to co-education. According to Khaama press agency, the decision was taken during a joint meeting of Taliban leaders and vice-chancellors of different universities. After the meeting, spokesperson of Taliban, Mullah Farid said that Islam doesn't provide for co-education and it is the origin of all social evils. If boys and girls study together, several problems can occur. Hence it is necessary to implement the rules of Islam and stop co-education. In Afghanistan, co-education

has been taking place for the past 20 years. The Taliban decision can affect 40,000 students and 2,000 women principals.

Etemaad (August 24) reports that Taliban spokesperson Jabiullah Mujahid said that Sharia would be implemented in Afghanistan. This is because only through the imposition of Sharia that peace could be established in Afghanistan. Mentioning about Panjshir, he said that Taliban doesn't want war. It is our wish that every issue could be solved through talks. Many people from that region sent us messages that they wanted to find solution to problems through talks and don't want war. Leader of Haqqani Network, Khaliqur Rahman Haqqani said that now there would not be any kind of violence in Afghanistan. We want to give a peaceful atmosphere to Afghans. The Islamic rule that will be established in Afghanistan would comprise of all sections and it would be run as per Islam. He said that in future no action would be taken against former president Ashraf Ghani, his assistants, advisors and

military officers of Afghanistan Army. We have pardoned them at our own will. He said that the war was foisted on us by the foreigners who want to divide the Afghan communities. Now they have gone and we want peace.

Hamara Samaj in its editorial on August 28 said the civil war in Afghanistan has become more aggressive. The opponents of Taliban do not wish Taliban

to rule the country. After the return of US troops, an atmosphere of violence prevails in Afghanistan and there is likelihood of more bloodshed. In whichever way we condemn the killing of more than 200 people in Kabul that would not be enough. What is necessary is to avoid these kinds of violent incidents in future. The newspaper has appealed to ISIS to stop shedding the blood of Muslims.

Taliban's religious head

Mumbai Urdu News (September 2) reports that American newspapers have claimed that like Iran, Taliban too have intensified their efforts to choose a religious head. Most likely, their supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzadah would be chosen. He has been staying in Kandahar right from the beginning. In Panjshir, the peace talks held between Taliban and Northern Alliance has failed and clashes between the two sides have started again. Afghan media have



confirmed these clashes. In the clashes, heavy weapons are being used by both sides. Pakistani TV channel Geo News said that Taliban have captured five outposts of Northern Alliance in Shotul district in Panjshir Valley and are further moving forward. The Taliban spokesperson has released a video in the name of citizens of Panjshir which claims that the peace talks have failed and there was no option now except war.

Ban on opium production in Afghanistan

Mumbai Urdu News (August 31) reports that Taliban have announced it would not allow cultivation of opium in future in Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, one of the main sources of income for the government is opium and other narcotic substances which are smuggled to different parts of the

world. There is a huge increase in the prices of opium, charas and cocaine world over after Taliban imposed restrictions on poppy cultivation in Afghanistan. The Taliban spokesperson announced that production and trade of narcotic substances is a violation of Sharia.

Permission for third child in China

Roznama Sahara (August 21) states that China has granted permission to its citizens to have a third child. A law has been passed to this effect in the country. Earlier, couples were permitted to have only two children. The decision has been taken as there is a continuous decrease in the population growth rate of the country. As per a report in China Daily, the government has reduced taxes and are creating more opportunities in the fields of medical,

education, housing and employment. This is aimed at eliminating the fear about bringing up a third child. Till 2016, Chinese citizens were permitted to give birth to only one child. Later, due to the fall in population growth rate, citizens were permitted to give birth to two children. The Chinese government claims that due to the restrictions, 40 crore children were prevented from being born. Currently, China has a population of 141 crore.

Permission for Umrah



Roznama Sahara (August 31) reports that the Saudi Arabian government has announced that Muslims from world over would be permitted for Umrah from next month onwards. All the restrictions imposed due to Corona pandemic have been lifted. The deputy minister for Haj has told Arab News that hotels across the country have been opened for people coming for Umrah and whatever restrictions have been imposed on those staying there have all been removed. He said that now anyone coming for Umrah would not face any difficulties. Those interested can also get visa online for Umrah. Visiting pilgrims can also use the Smart Card app.

As per another report, foreign pilgrims have started flying in for Umrah

pilgrimage. The Saudi government had imposed restrictions on Haj and Umrah due to Corona pandemic nearly one-and-a-half years ago. According to the newspaper, those interested in undertaking Umrah pilgrimage have to produce the vaccine certificate along with the application for visa. Only after this that they would get permission to visit Saudi Arabia. Every year, Saudi Arabia gets 10 billion dollar income in the form of fee for Haj and Umrah. Every year, 80 lakh to 1 crore people visit Saudi Arabia for Umrah. It is worth mentioning here that while Haj has to be completed within a particular month, there is no such restriction for Umrah. Those interested in doing Umrah can visit Saudi at any point of time.

Houthi rebels launch attack from Yemen

Inquilab (August 30) reports that the Houthi rebels in southern Yemen have targeted a military air base of Saudi Arabia and its allied countries using missiles and drones in which at least 30 soldiers were killed and 60 injured. According to a news agency, the airport is located at Al Anad in Lahij region. It is being said the attack



started with firing of a ballistic missile and the missile hit the target when the soldiers were taking food. A military spokesperson said Houthi rebels were behind the attacks. Clashes between the Saudi military and the rebels have been going on since 2014. Till

now, more than 10,000 people were killed and more than 20 lakh people have been disabled. The US has warned Iran to stop extending help to Houthi rebels immediately. Otherwise they have to pay a heavy price for it.

Malaysia gets new prime minister

Inquilab (August 28) reports that Ismail Sabri Yaakob has taken over as the new prime minister of Malaysia. He has not designated anyone as deputy prime minister in his cabinet. The new prime minister has told ministers that this is their probation period. This is because Malaysia is in the midst of a financial crisis arising out of Corona pandemic. He urged all ministries and government offices that they adopt a policy of modest expenditure to ensure that the country comes out of financial crisis. The prime minister held talks with opposition leaders and sought their cooperation in improving the economic condition of the country. Malaysian king Sultan Ahmad Abdullah has directed the new prime minister to face vote of confidence in the Parliament. The



Parliament session will begin at the end of this month.

As per another report, chief of Islamic organisation Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh has sent a congratulatory message to the new prime minister of Malaysia and urged him to support and cooperate in the campaign against Israel.

Ex-PM of Mali arrested in bribery case

Inquilab (August 28) reports that former prime minister of African nation Mali, Boubeye Maiga, has been arrested over corruption charges. As per a government report, under the reign of former president Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, misappropriation of funds worth crores of dollars took place for the purchase of planes from foreign countries. It is being said that he took a bribe of 40 million US dollars in the deal. When Ibrahim Boubacar was defeated in the elections, the new government conducted an inquiry against him on charges of corruption, in which, apart from



the ex-president, the former prime minister was also found guilty.

Military deal between Saudi Arabia and Russia



Roznama Sahara (August 25) reports that for the first time in the history of Saudi Arabia, a military deal has been signed between Saudi Arabia and Russia, in which it has been decided to improve the military cooperation between the two countries. Deputy defence minister of Saudi Arabia Khalid bin Salman and the Russian deputy minister of defence

Colonel General Alexander Fomin signed the treaty on behalf of their respective countries. The agreement was signed in Russia. Before signing the agreement, the Saudi minister also held talks with the defence minister of Russia. Detailed talks were held on improving the security and military cooperation between the two countries.

Ban on part-time marriage in Egypt

Roznama Sahara (August 25) reports that the Sharia Council in Egypt has banned part-time marriage in the country and said that it was against the concept of nikah in Islam and also 'haram' in Islam. For the past some time in Egypt and a few other countries, there is a tendency to get married for a specific period. After the expiry of the specific period, both the husband and wife offer talaq to each other and this is also mentioned in the nikahnama signed by

them. The Sharia Council said that this is creating lot of troubles including an increase in illicit relationships. In future, all the marriages taking place in Egypt would be in accordance with Sharia principles and it would never mention about any time period. If any nikah mentions about any specific period that would be considered as 'haram' as per Islam and legal action would be taken against those who marry in that manner.

Others

Congress severs ties with Badruddin Ajmal's party



Inquilab (August 31) reports that the opposition grand alliance in Assam has fallen apart. The Congress in Assam has announced that it would not have any tie-up with Badruddin Ajmal's party All India United Democratic Front and Bodoland People's Front, in future. The Congress spokesperson has expressed surprise that now Ajmal is trying to form

an alliance with BJP which is not acceptable to Congress. He said that the Congress high command has also been informed about the development. Earlier this year, ahead of the Assembly elections, a 10-party grand alliance of opposition parties was formed under the leadership of Congress, which included the two parties. ■

Over 22,000 Madrasa teachers deprived of pay scale

Inquilab (August 29) reports that the national president of Madrasa Council of India, Mohammad Unnas has sent a memorandum to the President, education minister and minority affairs minister alleging that the 22,000 teachers at the Central government aided 7,700 recognised madrasas in Uttar Pradesh are not getting salary as per their pay scale for the past four years. He demanded that their salary dues should be released immediately. In the memorandum, it is

stated that modernisation of more than 7,000 madrasas in Uttar Pradesh took place during the regime of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and they were also assured of a new pay scale. However, they haven't got their new salary structure due to which they are facing financial constraints. He said that if their dues as per their pay scale are not released, then the teachers would resort to massive hunger strike in every district headquarters. ■

Tribute meeting at the grave of Sikander Bakht

Hamara Samaj (August 25) reports that tributes were paid at the grave of BJP leader and former minister Late Sikander Bakht by the members of Muslim Rashtriya Manch. Those who offered tributes include the president of the manch, Jamaluddin Siddiqui, former chairperson of Haj committee, Tanvir Ahmad and other leaders. Sikander Bakht was a minister in Atal Bihari Vajpayee ministry and he was the first Muslim candidate to be elected from Chandni Chowk constituency. Jamaluddin Siddiqui demanded that a road in Delhi should be named after Sikander Bakht.



Muslim scholars appeal to boycott TV channels



Inquilab (August 23) reports that the former chairperson of Uttarakhand Haj Committee, Maulana Zahid Raza Rizvi appealed to Muslim scholars to boycott TV

channels. He told Muslims that after Taliban assuming power in Afghanistan, the TV channels are giving a communal colour to it and whatever Muslim leaders and religious leaders say on TV channels are being distorted.

This brings danger to Muslims and it may create an atmosphere against them. He

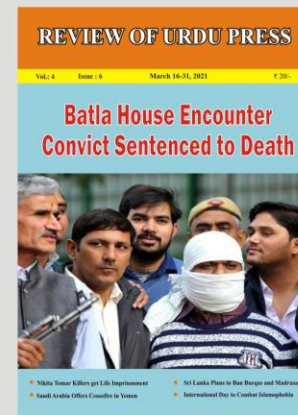
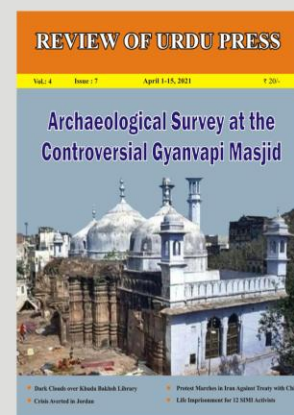
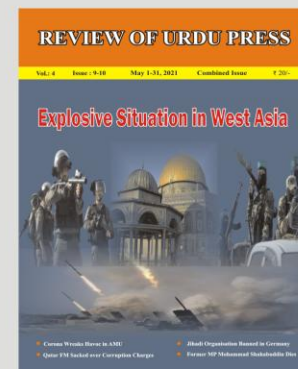
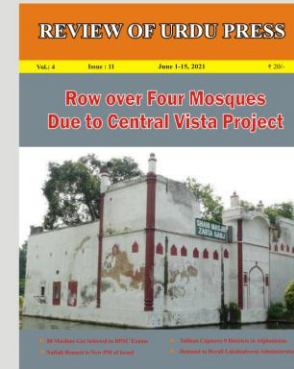
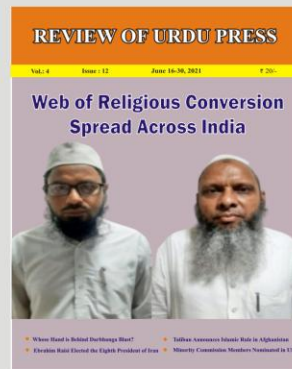
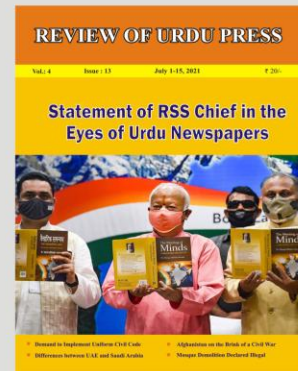
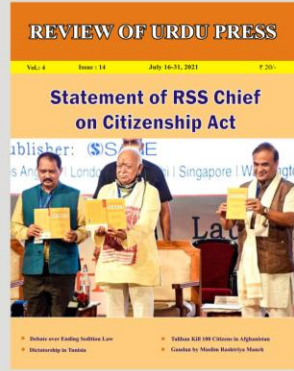
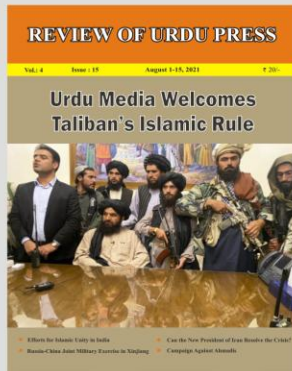
alleged that the anti-Muslim elements in media are trying to reap political benefits out of the Afghanistan incident. Hence they are using the Muslims.

Demand to bring back Tazia model from Britain

Aurangabad Times (August 20) has demanded that the Indian government should bring back a tazia model studded with diamonds which was smuggled to Britain during the reign of the Hyderabad Nizam. Now it is set to be auctioned there. The newspaper stated that the tazia and the flag used to be displayed as part of the historic Bidi-Ka-Alawa procession in Hyderabad. This symbol of Islamic culture



and religion is several centuries old and hence it is a national heritage.



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