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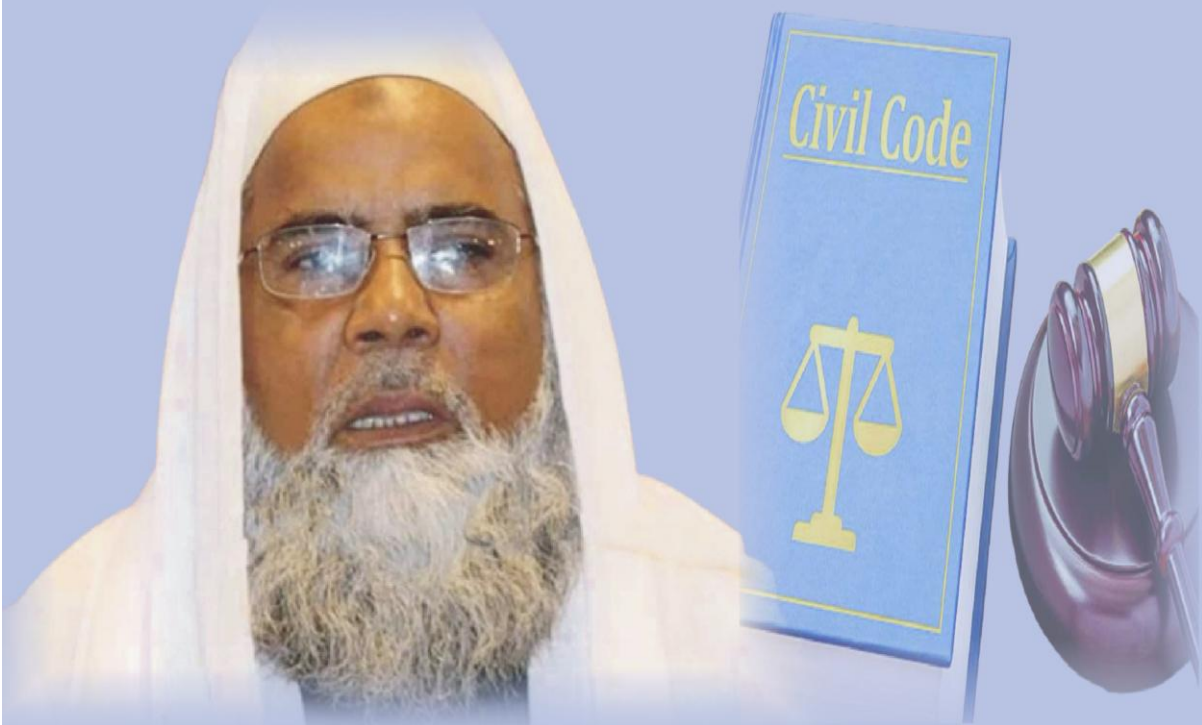
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Summary

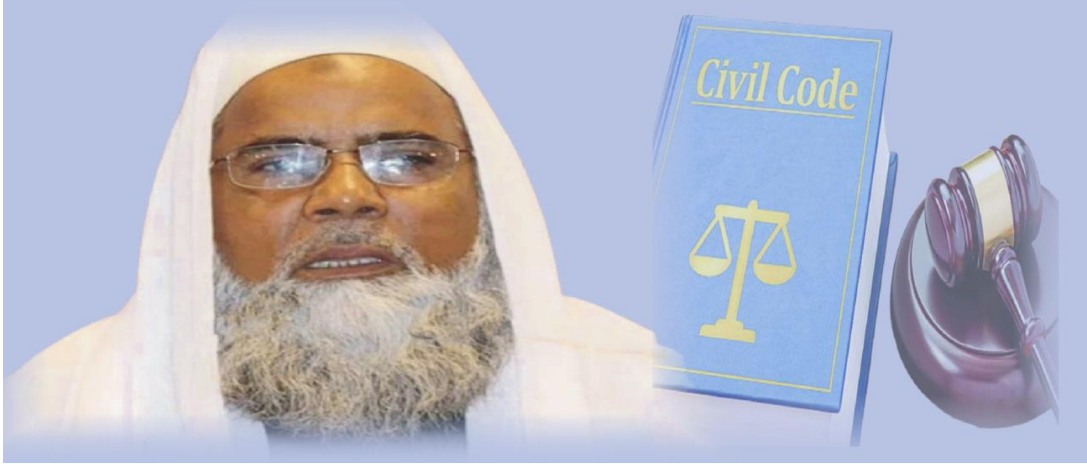
The politics of bloodshed has once again started in Pakistan. Former prime minister Imran Khan received four gunshot injuries on his legs following a murderous attack on him. Imran Khan alleged that the Pakistani Army and some leaders were behind the attack. There is no doubt that in Pakistan the Army has never accepted a leader who had refused to dance to its tunes. This is the reason why the Pakistan Army played a major role in overthrowing Imran government. Imran Khan had blamed the US, Pakistani Army and intelligence agency ISI for pulling down his government. In the past also, two Prime Ministers of Pakistan were killed in a similar manner. Initially, Prime Minister Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan was shot dead in Rawalpindi and later Benazir Bhutto was also killed in a similar manner at the same place. It is necessary to keep an eye on Pakistani politics to know which turn it takes.

The BJP's mention about implementing Uniform Civil Code in Gujarat, Himachal and Uttarakhand has not gone down well with Muslim fundamentalists. They have launched a campaign against the Central government, BJP and Sangh Parivar on the issue. The interesting thing is that some extremist Sikhs have joined them under the leadership of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee.

Some mischievous elements are making continuous efforts to spark communal tension in the country. A propaganda is being unleashed that Islam and Muslims are not safe under BJP rule. Urdu newspapers are actively taking part in this campaign. However, an incident in a masjid in Shahjahanpur, where a copy of Quran was allegedly burnt, has exposed the propaganda. A few burnt pages of Quran were found in a masjid there. When this news spread in the town, Muslims got provoked and started a huge protest against the government and also started targeting the BJP. The police took this issue seriously. When the matter was probed, it was found that the Quran was set on fire by a Muslim named Taj Mohammad. The police immediately took this mischievous person into custody and started questioning him.

The fundamentalist Wahabi Muslims have started targeting Ahmadiyyas in order to create communal strife in the country. In this connection, a large meeting of Muslims was held in Kanpur where the head of Darul Uloom Deoband, Mufti Abul Qasim Nomani, also participated as a special guest. All the speakers in the meeting targeted Ahmadiyya Muslims without naming them. This is because Ahmadiyya Muslims do not accept the Islamic concept that Hazrat Mohammad is the last Prophet sent by Allah. Earlier also, fundamentalists in some states in south India had campaigned against Ahmadiyyas. ■

Opposition to implementation of Uniform Civil Code



Ever since the governments of Uttarakhand and Gujarat mentioned about implementing the Uniform Civil Code, a section of fundamentalist Muslims have started opposing it.

Avadhnama (November 1) states that the General Secretary of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani, had said the hope expressed by Uttarakhand and later the Gujarat governments on implementing the Uniform Civil Code is not only acceptable to Muslims but to other minorities and Adivasis as well. In the Constitution of the country, every person has been given the fundamental right to follow his own religion or faith and also to promote and propagate his own religion. Hence each religion's personal law has been given legal protection by the Constitution. If any effort is made to end the separate identity of any community, then it will be opposed. Even before the British left, people of every religion used to respect other's personal law and the British had also maintained it. The same system has continued for 75 years after Independence. Now some people, on the pretext of Directive Principles of the Constitution, are citing Article 44, which speaks about the Uniform Civil Code.

He said that it is also a fact that the agreement that the different sections of

Adivasis had reached with the government had clearly stated that their rites and rituals would be protected and no changes shall be made in them. If these people are to get rid of their religious identity, then it will affect the unity and brotherhood in the country. There will be no benefit, instead can create only damages. He said that in this connection, the Muslim Personal Law Board is in touch with Sikh, Christian, Buddhist and other sections. He said that the truth is that the ruling party is raking up these kind of controversies during election time in order to hide its own failures and also to create an atmosphere of hatred in the country.

Siasat (November 9) states that the national president of Peace Party Dr Mohamed Ayub has also strongly criticised the promise made by the BJP to implement the Uniform Civil Code and said that Muslims, Christians and Parsis have their own separate personal laws. If the Uniform Civil Code is implemented, their separate identity will cease to exist. The BJP is raising these kind of controversial issues in order to amass the votes of majority community. He said that if the BJP makes any effort to bring any law in this connection, then they will knock at the doors of the Supreme Court.

Hamara Samaj (November 5) has published an article written by Syed

Sarfaraz in which it has been said that as soon as the elections were declared, the BJP announced the formation of a committee to discuss the issue of implementation of Uniform Civil Code in Gujarat. If anybody makes such a law, then not only Muslims, but Hindus, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and others will be affected,



which will be against secularism and Constitution. The BJP is raising this issue time and again because a misconception has spread among the majority community that only Muslims are opposed to it. If such a law is implemented in a multi-religious country like India, then it will be very much detrimental to the country and the society. Instead of taking out the jinn of Uniform Civil Code from the bottle every now and then, the BJP should keep it in the bottle itself. This will be in the interest of the country and the society.

In an article published in **Mumbai Urdu News** (November 1), Dr Salim Khan said that since there is no possibility of the BJP winning in Gujarat, hence the sinking BJP is taking the help of Uniform Civil Code.

Mumbai Urdu News (November 3) has published an article written by Ibrahim Aatish, which has opposed the implementation of Uniform Civil Code and described it as against the Constitution and the society.

Inquilab (November 11) states that prominent Sikh organisation, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, has passed a resolution opposing the implementation of Uniform Civil Code in the country. In a statement, the Committee described the efforts to implement the Uniform Civil Code as a plan by the RSS and BJP to make the country a Hindu Rashtra and also strongly criticised it. A

copy of the statement has also been posted on the website of the Committee, in which it has been stated that Hindustan is a multilingual and a multi-religious country. People belonging to different communities stay in this country. Minorities, especially Sikhs, had made special efforts during the freedom struggle and also to protect the culture of the country, but now the minorities who stay here are being pressured and their religious and social issues are being interfered with. The BJP government at the Centre and the RSS are forcefully implementing their agenda on the country and this is not in the interest of the nation.

According to the newspaper, the BJP, while playing the polarisation card in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections as well, made the promise that once it comes to power, it will implement the Uniform Civil Code and an investigation will be conducted into the Waqf properties so that the misuse of such properties could be stopped. While the Central government is promising to implement the Uniform Civil Code, the Union Law Ministry, on the other hand, had demanded in the Supreme Court on October 18 to reject petitions seeking Uniform Civil Code. The court also said that it cannot give any direction to the Parliament to create a law in this connection. Hence the petitions seeking the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code don't deserve to be worth considering. ■

Yoga mandatory in all schools in Karnataka



good citizens. It is to be noted that many schools and colleges in the state have been offering Yoga classes right from the beginning. He urged boy and girl students in all schools to take Yoga classes seriously. Many educationists have criticised this decision of the Karnataka government and they sent a letter to the government saying that the state government shall take decisions within the limits of Constitution and secularism.

Mumbai Urdu News (November 5) reports that the Karnataka government has directed the management of all schools in the state that they give Yoga classes to students for 10 minutes every day. This decision has been taken to reduce mental stress and to improve stamina and concentration. Karnataka's Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, B C Nagesh said that yoga classes will improve the health of students and also reduce their mental tension. This will help create a positive attitude and help them become

It should not implement their arbitrary decisions on any one. Those who wrote the letter include senior educationists like Dr P B Bhandari, Prof Niranjana Aaradhya, Dr S G Siddharamaiah, Dr Vijay and Dr Srinivasan. In the letter, it has also been stated that in the guidelines issued by the Unicef to mentally prepare children after the Corona pandemic, it is nowhere mentioned about yoga or meditation. In such a situation, on what basis is the government taking such arbitrary decisions?

Controversy over madrasas in Assam reaches Supreme Court



Inquilab (November 2) states that the decision taken by the BJP government in Assam to convert more than 400 Islamic

madrasas that receive funds from the government into schools and to acquire their property, has been questioned in the

Supreme Court by Assam Madrasa Management Committee. It is to be noted that the Gauhati High Court had given its nod to the decision of the government. In this connection, the Supreme Court had sought a reply from the Assam government. On behalf of the petitioners, senior lawyer Sanjay Hegde told the Supreme Court that the 400 madrasas that the government had taken in its control are the properties of the minorities and the state government was just giving salary to the employees of these madrasas. The lawyer also said that the state government is using its powers in an arbitrary manner.



As per a news published in **Hamara Samaj** (November 9), the Maharashtra government is also walking on the footsteps of Uttar Pradesh government. In this connection, the Mumbai Police also started taking own steps and started an inquiry into the NGOs and religious institutions associated with madrasas and masjids. The police are probing the sources from where the money is supplied to run these institutions. This decision has created a huge heartburn among minorities.

Siasat (November 2) states that at one level, the Darul Uloom Deoband has opposed any kind of changes in the syllabus of Islamic madrasas. On the other hand, unrecognized madrasas have started making preparations to include Maths, English, Computer and Hindi in their syllabus. In this connection, a meeting of the madrasa management committees is being convened soon. It is to be noted that in the recognized madrasas, the NCERT syllabus is being implemented. In these madrasas, boys and girls are taught seven subjects. On the other hand, in unrecognized madrasas, the traditional syllabus of Darul Uloom Deoband and Barelvi Sharif are being taught till now.

Avadhnama (November 11) states that the survey of Islamic madrasas has been completed in Uttar Pradesh. As per this survey, so far 8,496 madrasas were

found to be not affiliated to any madrasa board. The state government is pondering over the kind of policy to be adopted with regard to these unrecognized madrasas. Uttar Pradesh's Minister of State

for Minorities Welfare Danish Ansari said that high-level talks will be held on this issue. Only after this that any decision shall be taken with regard to these madrasas. He said that those madrasas which are not affiliated to any madrasa board and are not receiving aid from the government are illegal.

Roznama Sahara (November 2) reports that all district magistrates will send their reports regarding the madrasas to the state government by November 15. As per the news, it was found that there are more than 8,000 unrecognized madrasas in Uttar Pradesh. The highest number of unrecognized madrasas were found to be in Moradabad district. In the second spot is Bijnor and on the third spot is Basti district. Registrar of madrasa board Jagmohan Singh said that the high-level committee formed by the state government will find out what are the sources of income of these madrasas? Which organisations are running these madrasas? How many boys and girls study in these madrasas? What syllabus is taught in them? How many teachers teach in them? The state government will adopt a policy only after getting a report from the committee in this connection.

Inqilab (November 10) states that the survey of Islamic madrasas in 60 districts in Uttar Pradesh has been completed and it has been found that there are 8,496 unrecognized madrasas in the state. Now, the report from the rest 15 districts is awaited. Minister for Minorities Welfare Dharmpal Singh said that after receiving a report on all the madrasas in the state, necessary decision will be taken about the future course of action. The aim of the government is to bring the minorities to the mainstream and to ensure their development. We want to make the future of the children in these madrasas great.

Efforts to spark communal tension



Mumbai Urdu News (November 4) states that some mischievous elements had entered a masjid and burnt Quran in Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh. Muslim fundamentalists blew up this incident and alleged that some Hindu fundamentalist was behind this incident. Muslims held massive protests in every place in the city and demanded that the accused shall be arrested immediately. The police in Shahjahanpur took this sensational issue very seriously. However, on the basis of CCTV footage taken from camera installed in the masjid, it has been found that a Muslim man named Taj Mohammad had burnt the pages of Quran. Following this, he was arrested.

Earlier in Chowk Kotwali locality in Shahjahanpur, a news had spread like wildfire that two persons had entered Masjid Syed Shah Fakhre Alam Mian in the evening and set fire on Quran. After the namaz, when Imam Hafiz Nadeem and some others reached the masjid, they found some burnt pages of Quran. When this news reached the nearby places, the people got angry and they brought down some hoardings of BJP leaders and set fire to them and also raised provocative slogans against the BJP. Realising the threat to peace, the police dispersed the rioting mob and also deployed policemen in huge numbers on the spot.

Awadhnama (November 3) states that some mischievous elements set fire to

five Qurans in the masjid. As soon as the news about this incident spread, a provoked Muslim mob accused the police of not taking action against the mischievous elements. After this, the mob held a meeting near Super Auto Work Shop where provocative speeches were delivered. The imam of the masjid Mohammad Nadeem and his colleague

Suhail were present in the room built on top of the masjid. It is being said that around 2.30, the imam of the masjid left for some place. When Mohammad Farooq of the mohalla came around 3.30, he found smoke some emanating from inside the masjid and pages of the Quran being burnt. When the police came to know about the incident, they reached the spot and took the burnt pages of Quran into their custody. In the CCTV cameras installed in front of the masjid, the accused Taj Mohammad was found coming out of the masjid. He was wearing a black shirt and a green-colour pants. The accused left his sandals in the masjid itself. Following the police inquiry, he was arrested.

Mumbai Urdu News (November 5) in its editorial tried to provoke Muslims and alleged that mischievous elements are running a campaign against Muslims in Uttar Pradesh. Sometimes Muslims lose their life in mob lynching and sometimes madrasas are being targeted. The mischievous elements are deliberately hurting the sentiments of Muslims. Uttar Pradesh is the biggest state in the country but Muslims are being deliberately harassed there. This is because the police and the administration do not take any action against the mischievous elements there. Some times in the name of cow, some times in the name of Jai Shri Ram, an atmosphere is being created against the Muslims. The newspaper demanded the

Yogi government to take action against the mischievous elements so that Muslims could live in peace and tranquillity.

While mentioning about the incident where Quran was set on fire in a masjid in Shahjahanpur, the newspaper said that it is clear from this that Muslims and masjids are not safe in Uttar Pradesh. It looks like that some people who are fond of creating mischief, want to unleash the venom of communal hatred and create communal

riots, so that Muslims fight against each other and die. The newspaper condemned that the RSS agenda is being enforced in Uttar Pradesh which is against the sentiments of democracy, and Muslims are being deliberately harassed. Recently, the issues of Muslim population growth and Love Jihad have been raised. Both these issues are against Muslims and democracy. However, the state government wants to take political benefits from them. ■

Muslim women have right to give talaq without husband's consent

Roznama Sahara (November 2) states that the Kerala High Court had said that the Islamic law had given permission to Muslim women to get talaq from her husband and it is not necessary that she be given talaq only with the consent of her husband. In other words, Muslim women can get talaq from her husband, whether the husband is willing to give his consent or not. This right has been given to her under the Islamic law. In this connection, a division bench comprising Justice Mohammad Mushtaq and Justice C S Dias rejected a petition seeking a review. The court said that Muslim women can use the right for 'Khula' without the consent of the husband. It is to be noted that if any Muslim woman seeks talaq under Islamic law, then it is called 'Khula.'

The court said that those who had sought a review of the High Court judgment stand for male supremacy and they are not willing to accept the rights granted to women under the Shariah law. This review petition has been filed in order to challenge the mandate of talaq given under Muslim Marriage Act, 1939. In the review petition, it was argued that if any Muslim wife wants to cancel the nikah with her husband, then first she has to get talaq from her husband. If the husband refuses to grant talaq, the Muslim woman can approach the Qazi or the court. The petitioner said that the woman does not have the right to get 'Khula' till the

husband is ready to give consent. The petitioner also said that no Muslim nation in the world gives woman the right to get talaq unilaterally.

As per a news published in **Hamara Samaj** (November 3), general secretary of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani said that this decision of the Kerala High Court is not acceptable to Muslims and this will give lot of trouble to them. The Muslim Personal Law Board will approach the Supreme Court in this connection. Rahmani said that this decision of the court is not a provision in the law, but an attempt by the court to create a law, which is beyond the jurisdiction of the court. The duty of the court is to interpret what is mentioned in Shariah Application Act, 1937. It shall not make any additions and deletions to it.

Rahmani said that in Islam, there are three ways in which a husband and wife can get separated and all the three ways are as per Quran and the Hadith. In the first talaq, its rights are being given to men. The second is Khula, in which husband and wife get talaq on mutual consent but the wife cannot unilaterally get the Khula. However, this is also a form of talaq, but the difference here is that the harmony between the husband and the wife is maintained. The third situation is to cancel the nikah and this power has been given to the court. If the wife wants to separate from her husband and if the husband is not



willing to give talaq, then the wife can approach the court. If the court feels that the woman is being harassed, then it can cancel the nikah and if the court feels that the claims of the woman are not correct, then it can cancel the petition for nikah. In this connection, the judgment given by the Kerala High Court is not in accordance with the Quran or the Hadith and neither the Muslim law mentions anything on those lines. When the court delivered this verdict, it had gone beyond its jurisdiction.

Avadhnama (November 4) in its editorial, while commenting about the decision of the Kerala High Court, said that it has been settled through Islamic law that a Muslim wife can demand to cancel her nikah and if the husband does not accept it then she can approach the court. The court stressed on the fact that the Muslim wife enjoys the right to cancel her nikah through ‘Khula.’ Her rights in this connection is not dependent on the will of her husband. The clarification given by the court is correct. However, there is one problem. In this issue, hasn’t the consent of the husband got no value at all? It is true that we know several such cases where the woman wants to cancel her marriage. But the husband keeps it pending and many years get

elapsed on it. This is because the husband doesn’t want the wife to go out of the nikah. Whatever he feels like, he does that. The Muslim Personal Law Board has decided to take the matter to the Supreme Court.

The general secretary of the Board, Maulana Rahmani said that it is the duty of the court to interpret whatever is mentioned in the Shariat Application Act 1937, but it should neither add anything or make any changes in it. The wife cannot get ‘Khula’ at her own will because this is also a part of the talaq. If the wife wants to separate and if the husband is not willing to give talaq, then the court takes a decision on the matter. However, the board agrees that if the husband is not ready for ‘Khula’ then the court can cancel the marriage. The question here is whether the decision to cancel the marriage through court is acceptable in Islamic Shariah? Won’t the husband approach the court in such issues? It is a fact that many women are victims of the cruelty of husbands who neither do the duty of the husband nor give the talaq. The wife cannot keep such a husband either here or there. In such a situation, if the court takes any decision, will it be a question of interference in Shariah? ■

Fundamentalists campaign against Ahmadiyyas



Islamic fundamentalists have launched a vigorous campaign against Ahmadiyya Muslims. Recently, a huge meeting on Khatme-Nabuwat (finality of prophethood) was organized in Kanpur where such a campaign has been launched. In order to attract more fundamentalist Muslims from other nations, all the Urdu newspapers in the country published full featured advertisements on their front pages. It is to be noted that in the past also such campaigns had been unleashed on behalf of Darul Uloom Deoband and fundamentalist Sunni Wahabi organisation Jamiat Ulema in order to brand Ahmadi Muslims as 'Kafirs.' However, due to the strong stand taken by the government, such a campaign had to be postponed.

Hamara Samaj (November 7) reports that before the Tahaffuz Khatme-Nabuwat or the Tahaffuz Hadith Conference held in Kanpur, a huge meeting was organized on behalf of eastern Uttar Pradesh's Islamic madrasa Jamia Mahmudia Ashraf-e-Uloom. This meeting was addressed by the chief of Darul Uloom Deoband, Maulana Mufti Abul Qasim Nomani, as a special guest. He said that some mischievous elements are creating different controversies against Islam in Kanpur. This include controversies over inkar e hadees, Qadyaniyat and Shakeeliyat. They are linked to such mischievous people who do not admit that Hazrat Mohammad is the last Prophet. This apart, they also raise questions Hadith. He said that it is the duty of Islamic Ulema to

eliminate such elements so that the real Islam get promoted.

Along with this, Nomani also appealed to the Muslim Ulema that they give guidance to people in this connection. It is to be noted that Ahmadi Muslims do not accept that Hazrat Mohammad is the last Prophet. Whereas, those

who believe in Shakeeliyat raise questions over the Hadith. Mufti Nomani said that is necessary to pay special attention to protect the Hadith. This is because in Islam, Quran and Hadith are inseparable parts. If anyone raises questions on this, he ceases to exist as part of Islam. This is the same situation over theory of Hazrat Mohammad being the last Nabi. Hence we need to come to the streets to protect the Hadith and to defend the Khatme-Nabuwat concept.

He said that Darul Uloom Deoband has been playing an important role in this respect right from the beginning. These three major principles in Islam cannot be separated from each other. It is our basic necessity. Our faith should be so strong that such controversies shall be eliminated much before they get into our head. If you are unable to stand for yourself, what will be our answer to Allah? In order to save ourselves from such controversies it is necessary that we need to prepare ourselves and we need to have knowledge about such things.

In this connection, the Maulana cited several Islamic religious texts. He appealed to the Muslims that 'the knowledge that Allah had given to you, along with Quran and Hadith, and those written by the elderly, will open new paths to us if we study them.' It is the duty of all of us to protect our faith. Every person has to do Tahaffuz Khatme-Nabuwat at his own level. It is very important for the protection of our faith and belief system. He urged Muslim scholars that they associate

themselves with Khatme-Nabuwat wing which has been set up in Darul Uloom Deoband and work under its direction.

Ulema of Quran, Maulana Syed Muhammad Talha Qasmi Naqshbandi, who has come from Bhiwandi (Maharashtra), said that in order to save 'Islamic Ummah' from these kind of controversies, just 'elm' (Knowledge) is not enough. For this, it is necessary to have unconditional love and respect for Allah and his last Prophet.

For the protection of Khatme-Nabuwat, the Ulema of Deoband had made spectacular sacrifices. Those who are spreading lies in this connection, their aim is to separate those who love Hazrat Mohammad from his true teachings.

The chief of Uttar Pradesh Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Islamul Haq Asad Qasmi said this kind of propaganda influences either the highly educated people or those who are totally illiterate. Hence we need to ensure that there should not be any one, who in the name of the religion, damages our belief system. He said that if any question is raised over the status of Hazrat Mohammad being the last Prophet, then we will not be able to secure our madrasas and masjids.

Hamara Samaj (November 8) reports that Abdul Alim Farooqi said only those who brought faith on the Nabi and those who consider him as the last Prophet will go to heaven. Mufti Rashid Asmi said that it is not possible to believe in Quran without the Hadith. Hence Hadith cannot be separated from Quran.

Comment: Whether it is in India or Pakistan, the campaign by fundamentalists against Ahmadiyya Muslims is on. Last year, India's most powerful Sunni organisation, Jamiat Ulema, had sent a letter to Saudi Arabian government and demanded that Ahmadiyyas must be banned from undertaking Haj, because they are not Muslims. They do not accept this Islamic concept that Hazrat Mohammad Sahab is the last Prophet.

It is worth mentioning here that towards the end of 18th century, due to the support of the British, a man named Mirza

Ghulam Ahmad in Sialkot in Punjab, had claimed that he was the 'Prophet Mahdi' of Muslims. Along with this, he also claimed to be the incarnation of Bhagwan Krishna and Guru Nanak. He had the support of the British government, and hence the British government had given him many hundred acres of land in Qadian town in Gurdaspur district to set up his own headquarters. The fundamentalist Muslims have not accepted Ahmadiyyas as Muslims right from the beginning. However, Ahmadiyyas took active part in the agitation for the formation of Pakistan. However, when the British left, instead of handing over the power to Ahmadiyyas, they handed over the power to Jinnah and the Muslim League.

Following the Partition of the country, a section of Ahmadiyyas established their camp in Qadian. Whereas another section went to Pakistan and set up their new headquarters in Rabwah near Jhang district. During the regime of General Ayub Khan, the fundamentalist Muslims of Pakistan sparked an anti-Ahmadiyya riot across the country in which at least 1.5 lakh Ahmadiyyas were killed. The Pakistan government formed Muneer Commission to inquire into this incident in which the Commission found 27 people including the chief of Jamaat-e-Islami, Maulana Maududi guilty of organizing the riots and awarded them capital punishment. However, the Pakistan government later pardoned them. During the regime of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, a resolution was passed in the Pakistan National Assembly, declaring Ahmadiyyas as non-Muslims. Since then, the Caliph of Ahmadiyyas have taken refuge in London and has never got the courage to come back to Pakistan.

As far as India is concerned, two years ago, the fundamentalists had targeted the masjids and khabristans of Ahmadiyyas in many places in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Anti-Ahmadiyya protests took place in many places in south India. Recently, Darul Uloom Deoband has once again tried to raise this issue and organized meetings in many cities in Uttar Pradesh in this connection.

Attack on Imran Khan



Avadhnama (November 4) states that during the Long March of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI), a number of people including former prime minister Imran Khan and Member of Parliament Faizal Jawed Khan were injured and one person was killed in a firing by an armed assailant. Later, in a video statement, Faizal Jawed requested to pray for Imran Khan and also demanded an inquiry into the incident. We have great courage and we will continue to fight for the freedom for Pakistan.

Party's spokesperson Fawad Chaudhary said that Imran Khan got injured as he was shot on his leg. It was a targeted attack. Imran Khan has been admitted to Shaukat Khanum Hospital in Lahore which was established by Imran Khan in memory of his mother. His condition has improved. Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has condemned this incident and said that he had sought a detailed report from the Interior ministry. Violence should not have any place in the country's politics, he said.

The police have apprehended the attacker. The attacker claimed that he wanted to kill only Imran Khan. However, he could not succeed in it. Imran Khan is misleading the people and during the azaan

for Namaz, he was playing DJ music. The police admitted that statements of the accused are not consistent. At one level he claims that he took the decision to kill Imran Khan all of a sudden, but he also said that he made a plan to kill Imran Khan when the long march began in Lahore. Chief of Punjab province in Pakistan, Chaudhry Parvez Elahi said that the conspiracy behind this incident should be unravelled soon. Shahbaz Gill, a leader of PTI, said that the march will continue under any circumstance. Imran Khan is not a loser and he will continue his fight till the last breath. We are fighting for the freedom of Pakistan.

Salar (November 5) states that Imran Khan claimed that four persons sat in a closed room and decided to kill him. Should I say who are those four persons? The one who attacked me is not alone. There are many people behind him. We tried to file an FIR but the FIR was not filed. No stone has been unturned to get me get killed. I will soon visit Sindh and will defeat Zardari. I dare Nawaz Sharif to contest against me from any seat he wants. The nation is not making any progress because we are not getting justice. He said that he gets information on internal matters

of the government because he has his supporters in different departments, who keeps informing him about the kind of conspiracies being hatched. They want to kill me just like Salman Tasir. Those who think that the PTI will soon vanish, the results of the bypolls held in July will be a blow to them. He claimed that the Chief Election Commissioner behaves like a housemaid in the house of Nawaz Sharif. Everybody knows who is behind Arshad Sharif. The people are not fools, everybody knows it.

Siasat (November 5) states that the activists of PTI held massive demonstrations and dharnas in different cities of Pakistan against the attack on Imran Khan. An associate of Imran Khan and the chief of Awami Muslim League, Sheikh Rashid, said that the attack on Imran Khan is a conspiracy to unleash civil war in the country. He appealed to the people not to take law into their hands.

Etemaad (November 5) states that a huge protest was organized outside the Governor's House in Lahore. In Rawalpindi, the workers pelted stones on police and the police fired teargas shells in response. Many protesters were taken into custody. In Karachi, a protest was held at Shahrah-e-Faizal Road. Huge clashes took place between the police and the protesters in which several persons were injured. There was news about protests held in several places in Peshawar and Rawalpindi.

Aurangabad Times (November 4) reports that at least six leaders were injured in firing. The attacker said he wanted to kill Imran Khan. Five days after the attack, an order has been issued to register an FIR on the basis of the directions of the Supreme Court. Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial expressed displeasure as to why the police did not file an FIR even four days after the attack? He directed the police to immediately register an FIR over the attack.

Avadhnama (November 8) reports that the chief of Pakistan Democratic Movement, Maulana Fazlur Rahman said that this attack was only a drama. Imran

Khan has relegated to the background even Indian actors like Shah Rukh and Salman Khan through his acting. He said that Imran Khan wanted to appoint an Army chief of his liking. This drama was done for this only.

Mumbai Urdu News (November 4) reports that British MP Khalid Mahmood in a letter to Imran Khan alleged that he is multiplying the problems of people of Pakistan by spreading violence there.

Avadhnama (November 5) states that Iran has condemned the attack on Imran Khan. This apart, the director of Pakistani affairs in a US think tank named Middle East Institute, Marvin Weinbaum, said that this attack will give a boost to political violence and Imran Khan will get sympathy from the people, due to which he will exert pressure on the government on his demands. Now the Pakistani leadership has to start holding talks with the Opposition to end the possible violence and has to hold general elections in the country.

Mumbai Urdu News (November 4) in its editorial expressed concern that in Pakistan the political violence returned to a bloody era. The newspaper has written that the firing was done by two assailants, out of which one was killed on the spot. The newspaper said that in the elections and by-elections, spilling of blood has become a general thing, which is quite dangerous for the democracy there. Till now, all the elections held in Pakistan had taken place amid violence and allegations of fraud. In 2007, former prime minister Benazir Bhutto was assassinated during a similar election rally. In 2013, at least 51 people were killed during the general elections. In general, due to the attacks by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, 240 people were killed before and after the elections in Pakistan. Now it is possible that there will be difficulty in restoring democracy and the Army will get yet another opportunity to interfere in ruling the country.

Salar (November 6) in its editorial has alleged that it is possible that Pakistan's Army and the intelligence agency ISI could be behind the attack. The

attack took place at their behest. It is another thing that Imran Khan has escaped. It is difficult to understand why the security system of the former prime minister was so weak that the man who opened fire at him walked along with his vehicle for a long time and he also had modern weapons in his hands. In the past too Pakistan had to sacrifice at least two prime ministers due to similar attacks. Why the government did not learn any lessons from them? Everybody knows how strong is the Pakistan army and if anyone refuses to toe its line then he will be removed from its path. Imran Khan had violated the directions of the Army many times, due to which the differences between him and the Army chief got widened. Pakistan Army wants to maintain an atmosphere against India round-the-clock in the country. This is because it doesn't want power to slip out of its hands and that is the reason why it pulled down Imran Khan's government.



interferes with your investigation, then the court will not remain mute spectator. The sad thing is that a leader of Pakistan, Maulana Fazlur Rahman, has described this attack as a drama. From this it is clear that the politics of Pakistan is moving in which direction.

Etemaad in its editorial on November 5 expressed concern over the attack that took place on Imran Khan. After his government was pulled down, Imran Khan had alleged that the US and the Pakistan Army played a role in throwing him from out of power. This is the reason why he is taking out a freedom march to liberate the people of the country from the slavery of the US. The people of Pakistan have welcomed the long march of Imran Khan and they cooperated with it. The newspaper expressed surprise that there is no such leader in Pakistan who could be called a mass leader. The reason for this is that there is paucity of politicians while Army exercises more control. No government can take any such decision which displeases the military. Imran Khan had to leave power due to the opposition from the military. Imran Khan alleged the hand of a military general behind the attack on him.

Avadhnama (November 9) in its editorial expressed concern that despite the attack on Imran Khan, the police did not file an FIR even after several days of the attack and finally the Supreme Court had to take action and the FIR was filed only due to its intervention. From this what one could assume is that if this is the stand of the police and the administration regarding a former prime minister, what would be the fate of an ordinary citizen?

The story over not filing the FIR was also quite interesting. Inspector general of police Faizal Shahkar has refused to work with the government of Punjab chief minister Parvez Elahi. Shahkar told the court that they wanted to file the FIR. But the chief minister of Punjab wanted an FIR to be registered on the complaint of the relatives of those who were killed in the attack as well. The police official said that eight IGs were changed in four years in Punjab. On this, the chief justice said that the court was with him. If anybody

Due to the politics of confrontation that have started in Pakistan, the intellectuals are a worried lot. They are giving stress on starting talks between different communities. However, Imran Khan wants to hold fresh elections in the country instead of holding talks. The interesting thing is that Imran Khan and his party cite the example of India time and again and say that the Indian Army never interferes in the political issues of the country. This apart, he also appreciated the foreign policy of India and said that the US cannot put any pressure to change the government there. Despite pressure from the US, India is buying oil from Russia which is an example of its successful foreign policy.

UN adopts resolution against violation of human rights in Afghanistan



Inquilab (November 13) states that a draft resolution condemning violation of human rights in Afghanistan after the Taliban came to power in that country has been presented in the United Nations General Assembly, in which 116 nations voted in favour of the resolution. Whereas 10 nations including Pakistan did not take part in the voting. The Pakistan's representative said the draft resolution that had been presented was unbalanced and was against the principles. Hence Pakistan would not take part in the voting. As per a report published in 'Dawn,' the resolution was presented in the General Assembly of United Nations on November 10 in which a concern has been expressed over political instability, increase in violent incidents, violation of human rights, presence of terrorist groups, and women, girls and minorities being deprived of their rights after the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan. Out of the 193 nations in the UN General Assembly, 116 have voted in

favour of this resolution, whereas 10 nations did not take part in the voting. The countries that did not take part in the voting include Pakistan, China, Russia, Belarus, Burundi, North Korea, Ethiopia, Ghini, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe. The resolution, while expressing serious concern over the deteriorating economy and violation of human rights, demanded the Taliban government

that it provide protection to human rights activists. In the General Assembly, a concern has also been raised over the presence of Al Qaida and ISIS in Afghanistan and said that there is massive food shortage and a famine-like situation in which women and children are more affected.

After the passing of the resolution, Pakistan's Deputy Permanent Representative Amir Khan said that his country did not take part in the voting because it was unbalanced and against facts. He said that the resolution has not given recognition to the new government in Afghanistan, nor there is any mention about any effort to restore normalcy there by establishing contact with them. This apart, no mention has been made about releasing its frozen properties abroad, or provide help to the country on humanitarian basis and improve the economy of Afghanistan.

Muslims win in the mid-term elections held in the US

Roznama Sahara (November 13) has claimed that in the mid-term elections held in the US recently, 82 Muslims have been selected for Federal State and Judicial Officers. Many of them are of Pakistani origin but many others are of Indian origin. Those who won the elections include US citizen of Indian origin Shri Thanedar from Michigan and Aruna Miller of Indian origin

for the post of Lt Governor in Maryland. The head of Council of American Islamic Relations has claimed that 82 Muslims had been elected. This is the biggest win for US Muslims. Among 29 Muslims who won in states, many of them were elected for the first time. Following this by-polls, the number of Muslims in institutions that make law in states has increased to 43.

Those who have been elected again include Madina Wilson, Iman Jodeh and Saud Anwar.

In Georgia, apart from Senator Sheikh Rahman, two Muslim women were also elected and their names are Nabilah

Islam and Ruwa Romman. In Indiana region, a Muslim Democrat, Andre Carson, created history by getting elected to the Congress for the seventh time. His opponent was Angela Grabovsky, who got 53,000 votes. Whereas Andre Carson got 1,16,000 votes. From Michigan, Rashida Tlaib of Democratic party got elected for the third time. Another Muslim candidate, Ilhan Omar of Democratic Party, also got elected for the third time from Minnesota. She got 1.5 lakh more votes than her opponent Cicely Davis of Democratic party. A Muslim, Keith Ellison, got elected as the Attorney General of Minnesota. The council claimed that 51 Muslims got elected from 23 states, which could give a new direction to the US politics. In New Jersey, 21-year-old Alisa Khan got elected,



who is the youngest woman to be elected in the mid-term elections. The parents of Alisa Khan had come to New Jersey from Karachi. From Texas, Suleman Lalani and Salman Bhojani got elected. Both of them belong

to Democratic party.

Roznama Sahara (November 15) states that in the mid-term elections in US, the Democrats managed to get majority in the Senate. As per a report published in Dawn, due to the 50-50 tie in the Senate, the vote of Vice-President Kamala Harris became crucial, resulting in Democrats getting 51 seats. In the by-polls, 16 candidates of Donald Trump's Republican Party were defeated by Democrats. Majority of those who were defeated were those candidates who did not accept the 2020 elections. British newspaper 'The Guardian' has claimed that Trump had to face setback in these elections. The earlier predictions that Republican candidates would win the elections have been proved wrong.

Afghan woman banned from gyms and public baths



Roznama Sahara (November 15) states that the Afghanistan government has banned Afghan women from using gyms and public baths. In the past, a ban was imposed on women from visiting parks and carnivals. As per a report published in Dawn, ever since Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, all kinds of restrictions have been imposed on women. However, the

Taliban had claimed that they would not be imposing the kind of restrictions on women as they did in 2001 and this time their stand would be more lenient. However, despite this, women have been terminated from all the government departments. No woman can travel alone and neither can they step out of their house without wearing a hijab or burqa.

After coming to power in August 2021, the Taliban had closed all the schools for girls and despite United Nations putting consistent pressure on them, they did not open it. A spokesperson of the government, Mohammad Akif Sadiq Muhajir has confirmed the ban imposed on women from visiting gym. He said that in these gyms, the instructors are men, and hence it is

against Shariah. Similarly, women are also banned from using public baths because men also visit these baths, which is not in accordance with Islamic Shariah. He said that the government is committed to see

that women abide by Shariah and do not wear such dress which are not in accordance with Islamic Shariah. We are trying to strictly implement the Islamic Shariah.

Netherlands government decides to close Chinese centres



Siasat (November 5) states that the Netherlands government had given this direction that all the centres in the country run by the Chinese government should be closed. The government spokesperson said that the Chinese police officials harass the protesters who visit these centres and the government is not given any information in this connection. The spokesperson said that China is setting up 54 police centres across the world including two to be located in Netherlands whereas three such centres will be located in Britain. It is said that there are three such centres in Canada as well. Netherlands' foreign affairs minister has made it clear that before

opening such centres, the Chinese government did not take any permission from the Netherlands government and hence a decision has been taken to close down such centres. The Chinese foreign ministry has criticised this decision of Netherlands government and said that the allegations raised in this connection are baseless. The spokesperson said that the first Chinese office was opened in Amsterdam in 2018. Whereas the second one was opened in the beginning of this year in Rotterdam city. The Canadian government is also investigating the activities of the Chinese centres opened in the country, so that it could take appropriate action to close them down.

Bomb explosion in Istanbul



Roznama Sahara (November 14) reports that at least six persons were killed and more than 81 others were injured in a bomb explosion in Istanbul in Turkey. The blast took place in a shopping mall at Istiklal Avenue, an important business centre in Turkey's biggest city Istanbul. The police cordoned off the entire area soon after the blast and military helicopters started hovering over the city. According to foreign media, the number of those killed has been stated to be 41. Following the blast, all the roads in the city were closed and police started an investigation into the incident. The mall where the blast took place was a popular one for tourists and

local residents. The pictures posted on social media indicate that fire broke out in the entire region soon after the blast and people started fleeing. The photos also showed bodies lying around. Turkey had imposed a ban on the circulation of news related to the blast.

Inqilab (November 15) states that the Turkey police arrested a woman, who belongs to Syria, in connection with the blast. The woman had planted the bomb on the spot. It is being said that this woman was linked to extremist organisation Kurdistan Workers Party. The name of the woman who has been arrested is said to be Alham al-Bashir. The police claimed that this woman had admitted that the Kurd terrorists had given her training and she entered Turkey from Syria last week. The home minister of Turkey claimed that the hands of terrorist organisation Kurdistan Workers Party were behind this incident. This organisation had been running a parallel government from the north eastern part of Turkey since 1980, from where terrorist activities are being carried out.

20 lakh people in Mecca for Umrah

Inqilab (November 15) states that till now more than 20 lakh pilgrims have reached Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah. This Umrah season started on July 30. Till now, 17,83,352 people have reached Saudi Arabia via aircraft. Whereas more than 1.8 lakh have entered Saudi Arabia via road. The highest number of people have come from Indonesia and their number is 5.51 lakh. On the second spot is the citizens from Pakistan. Their number is more than 3.7 lakh. From India, 2.3 lakh, from Iraq

1.5 lakh, and from Egypt 1.1 lakh people have arrived in Saudi to perform Umrah.

According to Umrah ministry, the Saudi Arabian government had issued licence to 479 companies in order to facilitate the arrangements for Haj and Umrah. The Saudi government has extended the validity of visa for Umrah from one month to three months. During this period, the pilgrims can visit the entire country. Once Haj begins, nobody will be granted permission to come for Umrah.

Netanyahu back in power in Israel

Inquilab (November 25) states that the President of Israel has invited Benjamin Netanyahu to form the government. According to Israeli media, Israel President Isaac Herzog has once again invited Netanyahu, who was in power for the longest time in the past, to form the government once again. However, there is a competition between different parties, which are constituents of Netanyahu's alliance, to get hold of important portfolios in the ministry. The President said that he had invited Netanyahu to form a new government after holding discussions with leaders of different parties. He said that it is true that some allegations have been raised against Netanyahu, and its hearings are behind conducted in district courts. However, the recent election results have confirmed that Netanyahu will still takeover as the Prime Minister despite such cases.

The 73-year-old Netanyahu has been accused of fraud and accepting bribe, and it also included some media barons and their colleagues. The key partner of Netanyahu's party is Itamar Ben-Gvir, who wants to expel Arabs from Israel. His party got 14 seats in the recently held elections. Another Jewish party's chief has set his eyes on the defence ministry. He is in favour of merging some parts of Palestine in Israel. Due to these two persons, the people of Arab origin in Israel are living in an atmosphere of anxiety.

Etemaad (November 4) states that the possibility of Netanyahu becoming the prime minister has increased. In the recent elections, his alliance secured 61 seats out of the 120 seats in Israeli Parliament. In the past three-and-a-half years in Israel, elections took place five times as no single party got a clear majority and Netanyahu, who remained as the prime minister for 12 consecutive years got a modest success. Since fundamentalists are in power, the Palestinian people are facing the trouble.

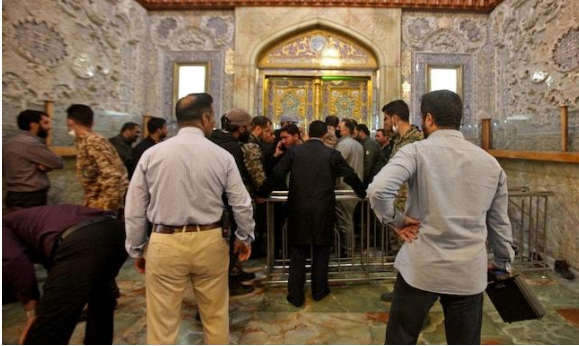
They claim that due to this election results, tension will increase in Middle-East and the possibility of Palestinian areas merging with Israel will increase.

Terrorist organisation Hamas has claimed that after the election results in Israel, the possibility of any government that comes to power in Israel adopting an anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian policy has increased. This will lead to less possibility of peace being established in Palestine. Main opponent of Netanyahu and interim Prime Minister Yair Lapid has accepted his defeat in the elections and said that he would sit in the opposition. The interim prime minister has cancelled his Egypt visit.

Siasat (November 9) states that US President Joe Biden had congratulated Netanyahu six days after his victory. As per a report of Israel's Channel 13, the US President told Netanyahu that no questions could be raised on his relations with Israel. We will continue to make more efforts to sign more peace agreements. The relationship between Israel and US will become stronger than in the past. An Israeli newspaper has claimed that the Biden and Netanyahu talked for nearly eight minutes. Sources close to the US President said that the US President was so late in congratulating Netanyahu because he was busy with the mid-term elections in the US.

Avadhnama (November 5) states that Netanyahu's alliance got 64 seats in the elections and the alliance of right wing parties got a clear majority in the parliament. Netanyahu's party Likud got 32, Ultra-Orthodox party got 18 and the alliance of right wing parties got 14 seats. On the other hand, the alliance of caretaker prime minister secured 51 seats. The 73-year-old Netanyahu has come back to power after sitting in the opposition for 14 months. However, the corruption charges against him will be continued to be heard in the court.

26 foreigners arrested over attack on dargah in Shiraz



Etemaad (November 9) states that the Iran's intelligence agency had arrested 26 foreigners in connection with the attack that took place in the dargah in Shiraz in Iran. It is to be noted that Sunni terrorist organisation Islamic State had taken responsibility for the attack that took place at the dargah. According to foreign news agency AFP, at least 13 people were killed in the armed attack at the dargah in Shiraz on October 26. Iran's interior ministry has claimed that its intelligence wing had

unravelling the entire conspiracy behind the attack and arrested 26 foreigners in connection with it, who belong to Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

Government sources claimed that these terrorists were arrested from places like Fars, Teheran, Alborj, Kerman, Qom and Khorasan. This attack took place in a mazar which is considered as the most holy place for Shias in Iran. The attack took place at a time when 40th mourning day for Mahsa Amini, who was killed in police custody, was being observed. The government sources also made it clear that the terrorist who was taken into custody from the spot, breathed his last in the hospital after being seriously injured in the incident. He belonged to Tajikistan. The main accused in the attack is a citizen of Azerbaijan, who entered Teheran from Baku. He used to be in regular touch with the Khorasan wing of ISIS.

Discussions over new political framework in Sudan

Etemaad (November 11) states that Sudan's military dictator General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan has confirmed that he is holding discussions with different sections of the society over the new political framework for the country. Along with this, he also warned the leaders of the erstwhile ruling party not to meddle with the Army or in the country's politics. Addressing a military rally in the country's capital Khartoum, he said that he is willing to hold hands with anyone who wants to save this country.

It is to be noted that last year, the Army under the leadership of Al Burhan overthrew an elected government through a military coup and took over the power. For the past one year, democratic supporters are holding massive rallies in different parts of Sudan and they are linked to the National Congress Party of former



president Omar Al Bashir. Mentioning about these protests, General Al Burhan said that the Army will not allow the leaders of the previous ruling party to come back to power under any circumstance. We want those people to come to power who are acceptable to both the military and the people.

Order to submit report on those missing in Mumbai riots

Mumbai Urdu News (November 6) states that the Supreme Court has directed the Maharashtra government to present a detailed report over the 168 people who had gone missing during the Mumbai riots in 1992. A committee has been formed to implement this order which will probe their names and addresses. It is to be noted that a petition has been filed in the Supreme Court in which it has been sought that the Srikrishna Commission report shall be accepted and a direction shall be given to

the state government that they give compensation for the families of those who are untraceable. Taking cognizance of the petition, a division bench of the Supreme Court has issued directions to Maharashtra government. On behalf of the Maharashtra government, an affidavit was filed in the Supreme Court in March 2020 in which it had been said that nearly 109 people were killed in these riots and 168 had gone missing. Among them, the family of 60 missing persons were given compensation.

Order to place Gautam Navlakha under house arrest

Etemaad (November 11) states that while granting relief to social activist Gautam Navlakha, the Supreme Court admitted his petition in which he had demanded that he shall be kept in house arrest. The court said that



no reason has been found to cancel his medical report. Granting him relief, Justice K M Joseph and Justice Rishikesh Rai put several conditions and said that its order shall be implemented within 48 hours. Gautam Navlakha has been ordered to be

kept in custody for one month at his residence. He has to deposit an amount of Rs 2.4 lakh. During his detention he will not have the permission to access computer or internet. However, he can use mobile phone without internet

which the police will provide him. Navlakha will not have the permission to leave Mumbai, neither he should make any effort to influence the witness. His house will be closely monitored using CCTV cameras.

Bail of those accused of attacking Owaisi cancelled

Etemaad (November 12) states that the Supreme Court has cancelled the bail granted by the Allahabad High Court to those who were accused of launching a murderous assault on the chief of Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi and directed them to surrender before the police within a week. The Supreme Court said that the high court, while granting bail to the accused, did not take into

consideration the seriousness of the charges and neither given any reason to grant bail.

Asaduddin Owaisi had questioned this decision of Allahabad High Court in the Supreme Court. It is to be noted that the car of Owaisi was fired upon near Hapur when he was returning to Delhi after taking part in the campaign for Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh. The police had arrested three persons in this connection.

Maulana Mahmood Madani declared 'Person of the Year'

Avadhnama (November 3) states that the national president of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Mahmood Madani, has been selected as 'Person of the Year' by an organisation based in Jordan for his contributions to the community and social services. In this connection, *Jordan-based research institute*



world continuously for 14 times. Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (RISSC) has conducted a survey of 500 Muslim leaders of the world and the survey has found him as the number one personality in India. Maulana Madani has been selected as one of the 500 most influential Muslim personalities in the

Scam worth Rs 12,000 crore in Bombay Municipal Corporation



Mumbai Urdu News (November 1) states that before the elections to the Bombay Municipal Corporation, the Maharashtra government has directed the Comptroller and Auditor General to conduct an investigation into the work of the last two years of municipal corporation. This has increased the troubles of former chief minister of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray. It is being alleged that during the corona pandemic, no tender was invited for projects worth 12,000 crore and work was started without the

tender. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had announced in the Vidhan Sabha that they will conduct an investigation into this scam. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced that the investigation will be conducted in a fair manner. Meanwhile, former mayor Kishori Pednekar refuted the allegations and said that the municipal corporation had invited tenders for these works. If the CAG finds any objection, then it can conduct a special audit into these projects.

