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Summary

The bloodshed between the two sects of Muslims in the world, the Shias and Sunnis, is on the rise every passing day. Of late, the terrorist organisation of Sunnis, Khilafat Islamia (ISIS), has been playing Holi with the blood of Shia Muslims in Afghanistan. Ever since Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, this Sunni organisation is involved in the killing of innocent people. It is being said that the reason for this bloodshed is the rivalry between Khilafat Islamia and Al Qaida. Now this organisation has started killing Shias even in Iran. The latest incident is the attack on the holy dargah in Shiraz, Shah Cheragh Mazar. This dargah is considered as the second most holy dargah of Shias and here the son of Shia imam Ahmad bin Musa Al-Kadhim is buried. It is being said that when the pilgrims were offering prayers in the dargah, ISIS terrorists opened indiscriminate fire, in which at least 15 innocent people were killed, majority of them being women and children. The ISIS owned responsibility for the attack. In any case, the situation in Iran is getting worse day by day. The protests against Iran government's decision to strictly implement hijab on women are taking a serious turn with every passing day. Till now, more than 250 people have been killed and 14,000 arrested and forced into jails. Recently, on the directions of Iran government, the military has started taking action against students in all universities in the country.

The survey of Islamic madrasas started by Uttar Pradesh government has almost been completed. As per preliminary report, nearly 7,500 Islamic madrasas were found to be unrecognised. As of now, the administration has not handed over the full report of this survey to the government, but the managers of Darul Uloom Deoband have changed their stand all of a sudden. Earlier, Darul Uloom Deoband had asked the Islamic madrasas to fully cooperate with the government for this survey.

Recently, a meeting of the managers of all Islamic madrasas and Islamic scholars in the country took place at Darul Uloom Deoband in which more than 6,000 representatives claimed to have taken part. In this meeting, the Muslim leaders adopted a strong stand against the government. It was declared in the meeting that no Islamic madrasa should affiliate itself with any government madrasa board. This apart, it was also said that the syllabus in the Islamic madrasas shall not be revised to include modern subjects like science, maths or English. Chief of Jamiat Ulema and the Sheikh al-Hadith of Darul Uloom Deoband, Maulana Arshad Madani has declared that they will neither take any kind of help from the government to run any madrasa nor make any effort to get recognition from any madrasa board. "We don't need people who have laptop in their hands, but we need those who can impart Islamic religious education to Muslims by following the principles of Islam and lead others in offering namaz etc," he said.

One interesting information that has also come out of this survey is that the two prominent Islamic educational institutions namely Darul Uloom Deoband and Mazahir Uloom Saharanpur are not affiliated to any madrasa board.

Recently, a four-day meeting of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal took place in Prayagraj and the Urdu newspapers had given lot of coverage to it. However, majority of the news were critical in nature. For the first time, an open support has also been extended to the talks initiated by Muslim intellectuals with RSS Sarsanghchhalak Mohan Bhagwat.

Deoband opposes changes in the syllabus of madrasas



Inquilab (October 31) states that the world-famous Islamic education institution Darul Uloom Deoband, which had called a conference of teachers linked to Islamic madrasas, managers and renowned Islamic scholars, has made it clear through a resolution that there is no need for Islamic madrasas to affiliate themselves with any board, nor is there any need for a recognition or help from the government. It is stated in the resolution that if any revision is made in the syllabus of the madrasas, then it will end the aim and purpose for which the Islamic madrasas have been established. Hence any change in the syllabus is not acceptable to us.

According to the newspaper, more than 6,000 representatives from across the country attended the conference and it was presided over by the chief of the Darul Uloom Deoband, Maulana Mufti Abul Qasim Nomani. On this occasion, the national president of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Arshad Madani in his address said that this was a meeting of the representatives of madrasas from across the country. He said that the way society needs doctors, lawyers and engineers, the same way our community needs great Muftis and Aalim-e-Deen. Only madrasas can fulfil

this. If any changes are made in their syllabus, then the purpose for which these madrasas had been established will be defeated, which is not acceptable to us.

In the conference, Muslims across the country were urged not to agree to any demand to affiliate the madrasa with any madrasa board or accept any government help and neither take any interest in revising the syllabus of the madrasas or accept the demand to include modern subjects in the syllabus, and should continue with the old syllabus. Maulana Nomani said we don't need any government help for our madrasas and masjids. If the government does any survey on Islamic madrasas, then the Muslims need not get troubled or fear anything. Neither should they engage in a negative conversation with media persons. They should keep all the documents related to the madrasas ready and if anybody asks them, give them these documents. Give them all information related to the Aadhaar cards and Voter id cards of the managers, teachers and students of the madrasas and update the accounts on financial matters of the madrasas as per government law. Maulana Arshad Madani said that madrasas are meant for the progress and development



education in madrasas and not the government. We need religious men who follow the Quran to lead the namaz in villages, forests and cities and who can teach them the religion and not any laptop-carrying men.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 23) states that there are more than 7,500 Islamic madrasas

of the country and are not against the country. The hundreds of years history of Islamic madrasas is testimony to this. In madrasas, holy religious education is given and the Constitution of the country has given us the right to do so. The Constitution has given us full freedom to run our own educational institutions. He rejected the claim that these madrasas are involved in any anti-national activities. He said that it is a false propaganda and it has no basis.

Etemaad (October 31) states that Arshad Madani had said that there was no need for madrasas to take recognition from any board. We reject government help. No board in the world will understand the purpose for which the madrasas have been established. It was people from madrasas who brought freedom to this country, but what is regrettable is that today we are being given a bad name and we are accused of being terrorists. When people of every religion in the country can propagate and promote their own religion, why are we being stopped. Why can't we do the same? He said that madrasas have nothing to do with politics. Muslims have been managing their madrasas and they will keep doing so. He said that restrictions have been imposed on constructions in Darul Uloom Deoband, whereas we never had to take permission from anyone in the past.

Salar (October 31) states that Arshad Madani had said that changes in the syllabus of madrasas and government aid to them are not acceptable to us. There is no need for madrasas to take recognition from any board. We will improve the quality of

in Uttar Pradesh which do not have any recognition from the government. These madrasas include institutions like Mazahir Uloom belonging to Darul Uloom Deoband, Saharanpur which do not take any help from the government, nor are they linked to any madrasa board. Minorities welfare officer in Saharanpur, Bharatlal Gaud said that there are 306 madrasas in Saharanpur district like Darul Uloom Deoband and Mazahir Uloom which do not take any kind of help from the government and they are un-recognised. In these madrasas, no government-approved syllabus is taught. Manager of Darul Uloom Deoband Mufti Abul Qasim Nomani has confirmed that Darul Uloom Deoband has nothing to do with any board. It is an independent legal institution which is registered as per Society Act. This institution imparts religious education as per Article 25 of the Constitution and has been running for more than 150 years with donation from people and till today it has not taken any kind of help from the government.

Inquilab (October 16) states that the chairman of Uttar Pradesh Madrasa Education Board, Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Jawed, had said that the state government had decided to conduct a survey of madrasas and the work for the same had been completed. He said that through this survey, no madrasa will be identified as legal or illegal. Some people are deliberately creating a controversy on this survey and it is condemnable. Poor children are given free education in these

madrasas. He said that the survey work has been completed, but the full report has not been made available.

Siasat (October 27) in an editorial said that the religious madrasas in Hindustan are on the target of Sangh Parivar. The officials in Saharanpur have declared the country's biggest educational institute Darul Uloom Deoband as illegal and unrecognised. According to Saharanpur district officials, there are 306 madrasas in the district which are unrecognised. The records of 754 madrasas in the district are with the administration. Among them, 664 madrasas provide primary education. In 80 madrasas, education is provided till Class VIII while the rest of the madrasas provide education till Class X. The newspaper said that this survey has been undertaken in order to

improve the quality of education. The newspaper alleged that the Uttar Pradesh government wants to interfere in religious madrasas and the Sangh Parivar is openly running an anti-Islam and anti-Muslim agenda, and the Muslims do not have the power to resist. Whenever some problem arises, they limit themselves to speeches.

Qaumi Tanzeem (October 27) reports that the former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh Mayawati has targeted the government over the survey of Islamic madrasas and over declaring them as unrecognised and said that according to the government, there are 7,500 unrecognised madrasas in the state. When these madrasas are not dependent on the government, then why is the government interfering in them? Is the government planning to convert them into government madrasas?

RSS on the target of Urdu media



Inquilab (October 29) said that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is preparing to speed up its efforts to put a particular community in the dock over the increasing population in the country. It will take this issue door-to-door and will make people aware of the negative consequences of the population imbalance. Along with this, the Sangh has made plans to start its Shakhnasas in every village in the country. The newspaper claimed that it got this

information from the senior office-bearers of Sangh. RSS Gorakhpur Prant Sanghchalak Dr Prithviraj Singh, Prant Sah Sanghchalak Dr Mahendra Agarwal and Prant Sampark Pramukh Prof Sanjeev Gupta said the Sangh is very much concerned about the increasing population imbalance in the country. This is dangerous for the country. This will not only increase the pressure on the current resources, but will also be a threat to the country and the

society. Hence the RSS leadership has decided that its negative influence and the threats arising out of it shall be made aware to all the citizens in the country. The Sangh will reach out to every household in this connection so that people across the country shall remain alert. Not only this, the RSS is working to set up its Shakha in every village of the country by its centenary year.



The office-bearers of Sangh have claimed that the outline for these two issues have been prepared and efforts are being made to implement them. Last week, at the four-day Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal meeting held in Prayagraj, these issues were discussed. In this meeting, all office-bearers of Sangh including its chief Mohan Bhagwat and Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale were present. Also present were Prant Sanghchalaks of 45 prants, dozens of Sah Sanchalaks, Karyavahs and Pracharaks. Mohan Bhagwat specially held a meeting with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during which discussions were held on the country's and Uttar Pradesh's population policy as well as the conversion issue. It is being assumed that the Yogi government will soon come out with a draft of the population policy and apart from it is likely to adopt a strong stand with regard to conversion. Even earlier itself, the Yogi government had tightened the law regarding marriage between different communities. The newspaper complained that the stand of administration is one-sided. If a boy belonging to a particular community marries in such a manner, then stringent action will be taken against him but if a boy belonging to the majority community marries a girl belonging to a minority community, then it is being encouraged and no legal action will be taken against him.

The newspaper also claimed that the Sangh is very much concerned about the

Northeastern states. It maintains a doubt that there is an effort to keep the infiltration from Bangladesh intact in Assam and West Bengal. It also said that infiltration from Bangladesh is responsible for the growing population of Muslims in West Bengal. RSS also considers the population of Tripura and Meghalaya as unbalanced. However, they do not cry much in these states. The Sangh is also worried about the population of Kerala, Uttarakhand and Haryana. In Kerala the population of Christians and Muslims is high, which is unbalanced according to RSS. However, this campaign of RSS is being viewed in the context of the Lok Sabha elections in 2024. People admit that by raising the issue of population growth, the RSS aims to bring the benefits of vote bank to the BJP. However, the office-bearers of Sangh is silent on when this campaign will gather steam. And what will be its outline? As of now, the RSS has 61,000 Shakhas in the country and its number is being increased.

Avadhnama (October 20), which has published some news in this connection, titled them as 'RSS sings population chorus in Prayagraj' 'Conversion and infiltration main reasons for population imbalance—Hosabale'

According to the newspaper, the Sarkaryavah of Sangh, Dattatreya Hosabale, while addressing reporters, said the reason for population imbalance in the country is conversion and infiltration. Due to this infiltration, there is a huge increase in the population of a particular community in regions adjoining Bangladesh. Hosabale



said that a law has been formulated to stop conversion, but there is a need to strictly implement it. In this connection, Sangh is organising a public awareness campaign due to which there is a good response to the Ghar Wapasi programme. He said that due to conversion, the population of Hindus is going down. Due to the imbalance in population growth, partition took place in many countries and due to the same reason, India's partition also took place much earlier. He said that those who get converted should not get the benefits of Scheduled Castes. The government has formed a committee to deliberate on this issue. In this meeting of the Sangh, deliberations will take place on increasing the participation of women.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (October 17) in an editorial has accused the RSS of being different in their words and actions and said that till now only politicians were known for this bad thing and now Sangh has also become like that and an indication for this has come from the speech of Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat on the occasion of Vijayadashami. Mohan Bhagwat said that some mischievous elements are involved in spreading panic in Indian society claiming that RSS and Hindu Rashtra are opposed to minorities. The newspaper said that the fact is just the opposite. After the BJP came to power, there is a huge increase in violence and discrimination towards minorities especially to Muslims but the Sangh chief by issuing these kind of statements is trying to cover up such actions. In this connection, it is necessary to mention just two incidents. In Karnataka, a Hindu

procession entered a madrasa and organised a puja whereas in Gujarat and in some other places in the country, the saviours of Hindutva prevented Muslims from taking part in Garba programme on the pretext of Love Jihad.

Bhagwat has targeted a particular community for the population imbalance and its aim is to create an atmosphere of fear. The

government statistics belies the lies being spread by the Sangh about the growth of population of Muslims. According to government statistics, in the past two decades, there is a decrease in the population of Muslims compared to Hindus. According to National Family Health Survey, the population rate of Muslims is falling fast. Instead of pouring ghee into the flames, everybody needs to come together and think of putting off the fire. In this connection, Mohan Bhagwat needs to send a clear message to the people of his ideology. But the real problem is that he and his organisation is linked to a particular ideology, which naturally promotes hatred in the society and is against the multiculturalism of India. The claims being made about the protection of minorities will remain hollow as long as the minorities remain the target of majority community. If the RSS leader is keen on the good of the country, then it has to rectify its radical and anti-minority way of thinking. Otherwise these kind of unnecessary statements will not work in its favour.

Siasat (October 20) in an editorial titled 'RSS's next step' said the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is focusing on including more and more women and children in the organisation. It looks like the Sangh will soon appoint women in important positions. In the Akhil Bharatiya Karyakarini Mandal of RSS, it had been decided that efforts should be made to include more and more women in organisations affiliated to Sangh. However, the meetings of RSS that take place are held in a secret atmosphere and its

proceedings never come out fully in the media. Even then, as per the information given to the media, the RSS wants women to be handed over more and more roles in order to promote social harmony. The Sangh wants more women to be included in its activities at the village level. The Sangh is keeping its activities going in every nook and corner of the country and its agenda is to paint the country in single colour. Due to the activities of Sangh, the country's Ganga-Jamuni culture and the communal harmony is facing a constant threat. Religious minorities, especially Muslims face a constant threat from the Sangh Parivar because RSS is an enemy of Muslims' separate identity. The aim of its activities is to make Muslims second class citizens in the country.



The newspaper said the BJP is the political wing of RSS. Currently, the BJP is in power not only at the Centre but in majority of the states as well. In states where there are non-BJP governments, they are being destabilised. What is of concern is that no party or organisation is making any efforts to stop the increasing activities of Sangh. Parties who consider themselves as secular is scared of losing their weight. By ending the old status of the country's only Muslim-majority state Jammu and Kashmir and dividing it into two Union territories namely Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, the Narendra Modi government has implemented the RSS agenda. Those who opposed this aggressive step were either imprisoned or forced to remain silent.

Sahafat (October 27) has published an article written by Ghulam Ghouse in which it has been said that Muslims should adopt the path of holding discussions with RSS in order to find solutions to their problems because currently the government

that is at power at the Centre belongs to the RSS and hence RSS could play a major role in finding solutions to their problems. It is possible that some people will oppose such talks, but from Sir Syed to Maulana Azad had to face such opposition in the past. The intriguing thing is that some people have targeted even the talks held by five Muslims intellectuals with Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat. However, those who held talks with Mohan Bhagwat, they were high intellectuals of the community and analysing the current situation, they realised that talks should be held with the leaders of the Sangh so that the misunderstandings between the two sides could be removed. Is this a wrong thinking? Had any damage occurred to Muslims due to such talks?

The fact is that Muslims are not united to find solutions to their problems. Some people are finding fault that what these five persons had talked to the Sangh chief? The question that arises is have the Muslims got any such institution in the country which is in such a position to claim as the representative of the entire Muslims in the country and the community has given them the right to hold talks with other people? Our bad luck is that we are not aware on how to get solutions to our problems. However, we need to talk to all political parties to find solution to our problems. We need not think what would be the result of such talks. Our effort should be to talk to every political party which is in power in each state.

Azam Khan gets 3 years in jail for hate speech

Inquilab (October 28) states that Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan lands in one trouble even before he could get out of another. The latest issue is also too serious. The court has sentenced him to three years in jail for delivering offensive speech and also imposed a fine of Rs 6,000. This case was filed by the incharge of the video observation team Anil Kumar Chauhan at Rampur Kotwali, in which it had been alleged that the speech of Azam Khan was objectionable, which could lead to violence. Chauhan has claimed to have filed the FIR after taking cognizance of the viral video.



Inquilab (October 29) states that after Azam Khan was awarded punishment, the Speaker of Uttar Pradesh Assembly Satish Mahana cancelled his membership in the Assembly. As per a judgment of the Supreme Court in 2013, if any member of the Assembly or the Parliament is awarded a jail term of 2 years or more, then his membership will be cancelled. Earlier, as per the Representation of People's Act, if any public representative is given a jail term of 2 years or more, then he will not be eligible to contest the elections in the next six years. However, no decision could be taken against him until his appeal is heard in a court of law. According to the newspaper, the court while releasing him in bail, allowed him to go on appeal against this verdict in the high court within a week. The question that arises here is whether the Rampur Assembly seat has become vacant now? And whether any by-election will be held for this seat?

Inquilab (October 29) states that Mohammad Azam Khan had said that he would question this verdict in a higher court. Commenting on his bail, he said that he was entitled to bail and he is hopeful

that that he would get justice. On the issue of ending the term in Vidhan Sabha, I will approach the Election Commission and will also question this decision in the high court because I am innocent, he said. Commenting on this decision, BJP leader Akash Saxena, who often files cases against Azam Khan, said the decision of the court will set an example and in future the leaders will use their tongue only after thinking. Azam Khan was minister four times, a one-time Lok Sabha MP, a one-time Rajya Sabha MP and an MLA 10 times. Though 90 cases have been registered against him, this is the first case in which he has been found guilty. Azam Khan's lawyer Vinod Sharma said they will question this decision in the higher court because they were not given an opportunity to present their case in the court.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 31) in its editorial said that Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan is being targeted by the ruling party. That's why they have been taking one step or another against him. Today the atmosphere in the country is such that if you are a leader of BJP and if a fake case is registered through you against any other person, then stringent action will be taken against that person. He will be sent to jail and his house will be demolished using a bulldozer. Those who



against him by BJP leader Akash Saxena. Following this verdict, there is a question mark over Azam Khan's political career. The question here is there are several cases against many BJP leaders in many courts in the country, but why not a single verdict has come against anyone? Why no punishment is given to Yati Narasimhanad? Why no action has been taken against Kapil Mishra? Why there is no decision against

raises questions against the government will find themselves in jail, whether he is an opposition leader, journalist or activist. Azam Khan spent a long time in jail over dozens of cases. The greatest relief for him being in jail is for Yogi Adityanath. Some time ago, Azam Khan had resigned from his Parliament seat and contested the Assembly elections and won with a huge majority. However, he contested this election from the jail. Following this, he started getting bail in all cases and he also started sitting in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly as well. For BJP men, they did not like the fact that an outspoken leader, who is also a Muslim, has come to the state Assembly. In this connection, a complaint of a BJP leader during the general elections in 2019 had proved beneficial. In any case, currently Azam Khan has no escape from cases. Now one more case has fallen on his head.

Avadhnama (October 31) in its editorial said that Samajwadi Party MLA and former minister Azam Khan has finally landed in a Chakravyuh that has been forming against him from all the four sides for some time. In May this year, he came out after spending 28 months in jail over several small cases. But as soon as he came out of the jail, a number of cases were registered against him. Now the court has sentenced him to another three years in jail. Even now, the verdicts in over 90 cases are awaited. These cases were registered

Nupur Sharma? Why only Azam Khan is targeted?

Etemaad (October 31) said that due to this decision, the politicians will learn some lessons who keep delivering irresponsible speeches. But the question here is why only opposition leaders are targeted? Why no action is taken against the leaders of the ruling party? Why no action was taken against the statements of Anurag Thakur, Pravesh Varma, Amit Shan and Narendra Modi during the election campaign? The fact is that an atmosphere is being created against the Muslims. Masjids are being intruded and damaged. The houses of Muslims are razed using bulldozers. The glad thing is that the Supreme Court has stressed on taking stringent action against those who deliver hate speech, but will the Central and state governments listen to the directions of the Supreme Court?

In **Mumbai Urdu News** (October 31), Shakil Rashid in his editorial said that the root cause of what has happened to Azam Khan and what is still happening with him is that Yogi hates him very much. However, it can also be given the name of Muslim enmity. Yogi considers himself as the champion of Hindutva, hence it is necessary for him establish himself as a big Hinduvadi compared to others. So the best thing is to target Azam Khan and pose a question to the entire Muslim community that if such a big leader of Samajwadi Party

cannot stand in front of us then what can you people do?.

The writer said that Azam Khan in his speech had targeted Yogi and Modi and the court had found him guilty. Let's think that Azam Khan is a criminal, but this question can still be asked to the government that didn't Yogi-Modi and their henchmen say anything hateful?

When Amit Shah says 'Let the current reaches Shaheen Bagh,' then why it is not a hate speech? When Pravesh Sharma raises the slogan of economic

boycott of Muslims, then why can't it be called hate speech? Is Azam Khan guilty only because he belongs to a particular community? This has been said earlier that and is saying again that the situation is not good at all. The entire effort is to keep the Muslims out of the corridor of power so that they do not demand any justice in the name of democracy, secularism and the Constitution.

That is why the representation of Muslims is being reduced in the Assemblies and the Parliament.

Rajiv Gandhi Foundation's FCRA licence cancelled

Inquilab (October 25) states that the Central government has cancelled the licence of Rajiv Gandhi Foundation which enabled it to receive funds from abroad. It is to be noted that this foundation is a non-governmental institution belonging to Gandhi family. It is being said that action has been taken against this institution on charges of violating the rules of foreign funding. Former president of Congress Sonia Gandhi is the chairperson of this institution and its trustees include former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former finance minister P Chidambaram, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Following this decision of the government, the institution will no longer be able to receive any kind of funds from abroad. It is to be noted that the Union Home Ministry had formed a committee in 2020. Following an inquiry, this committee decided to cancel the FCRA licence of the foundation.

This foundation was established in 1991 and various activities related to health, knowledge, technology and help to handicapped were carried out through this organisation from 1991 till 2009. It is understood that after the cancellation of the licence of the foundation, the problems of those associated with the institution will increase. There is a possibility of handing over the documents and other things related to the institution to CBI and the



Enforcement Directorate for inquiry. The foundation came under the lens two years ago when the home ministry got an inquiry done through the Enforcement Directorate. The Enforcement Directorate has been handed over the responsibility to conduct an inquiry into three institutions belonging to Gandhi Family—Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust and Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust. During the inquiry, they were accused of violating the income tax rules and FCRA law. The BJP has been questioning about the funds being received by these institutions right from the beginning. BJP president J P Nadda had alleged that Rajiv Gandhi Foundation had received funds from China. The Congress has not reacted on this issue till now. However, earlier the Congress had organised nationwide protests against the questioning of Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate in the National Herald case.

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan's clash with state government



Roznama Sahara (October 20) states that the controversy between the Leftist government in Kerala and its Governor Arif Mohammad Khan has been growing day by day. The clash started over a judgment of the Supreme Court in which the court had given its verdict on the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor of the Kerala Technical University. Following this, Arif Mohammad Khan had sought the resignation of the Vice-Chancellors in nine universities of the state, which the Vice-Chancellors had questioned in the Supreme Court. Governor Arif Mohammad Khan had sent a letter to the Chief Minister of Kerala P Vijayan and demanded action against Finance Minister of the state K N Balagopal. The Governor wrote to the Chief Minister that Balagopal had violated the oath that he had taken when he became the minister and he was deliberately causing damage to the unity and sovereignty of the country. In his letter, the Governor said Balagopal had tried to spark the flames of regionalism and provincialism in a speech delivered on the premises of the university on October 19.

Arif Mohammad Khan alleged that the two main sources of income of the finance minister are liquor and lottery. Balagopal said the Governor doesn't understand the education system in the country.

Siasat (October 25) states that the Kerala Chief Minister had alleged that the Governor has become a puppet in the hands of RSS and he has been exceeding his jurisdiction. The Chief Minister said that the Governor is the Chancellor of all universities in the state. The duty of the Governor is not to take any step against the state government but to abide by the rules of the Constitution, but unfortunately it is not happening in Kerala. Kerala's higher education minister R Bindu condemned the order of the Governor in which he had directed the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities to resign from their post. She said that this direction of the Governor is unconstitutional and illegal.

Siasat (October 19) in its editorial said that there were never any major controversies between the state Governors and Chief Ministers during the regime of Congress. The reason for this is that during

that period the Congress used to be in power both at the Centre and in states and the Governors were appointed on the recommendation of the Centre. Later when different parties started coming to power at the Centre and in states, tension arose between the Governors and the Chief Ministers. Opposition parties have been alleging that the Governor has been acting as puppets at the hands of the Centre. Now since the BJP is in power at the Centre, the non-BJP governments have lot of complaints against the Governors.



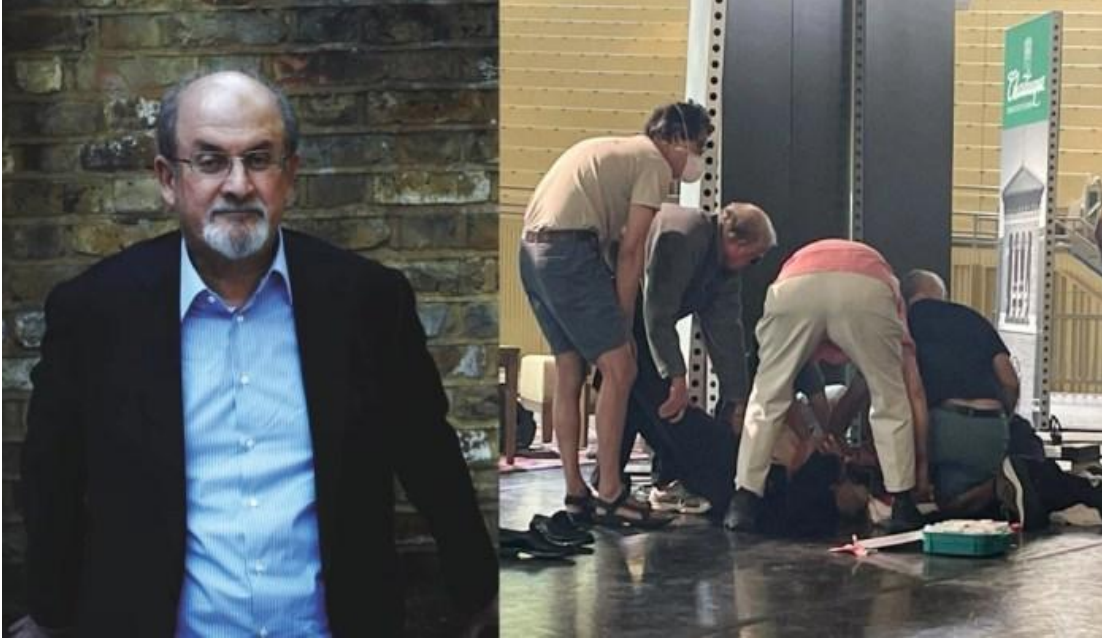
Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan has been harassing the Left government in the state. Now he has issued this threat that he will sack those ministers who defame the post of the Governor. He said that the Governor has all the constitutional powers to give advice and directions to the Chief Minister and the ministers. However, the way a minister has been issuing statements against him, the position of the Governor is being defamed and hence he will sack these ministers. The comment made by Kerala's higher education minister R Bindu on the Governor's refusal to sign the University Amendment Bill has very much hurt Arif Mohammad Khan.

The education minister has advised the Governor that instead of withholding the draft of the bill, he should send it back.

Following the threat issued by the Governor to dismiss the ministers, the ruling party in Kerala has accused Arif Mohammad Khan of breaching his Constitutional limits.

The ruling party CPI(M)'s polit bureau said that the tweet by the Governor confirms his political partisanship and his animosity with Left parties. The polit bureau urged the President of India that she should intervene in the issue and stop the Governor from issuing anti-Constitutional and ant-democratic statements. Secretary of CPI(M), M V Govindan said the Governor has been violating the Constitution and the parliamentary traditions. He said that the Governor has no right to withhold the bill passed by the Assembly. Congress leader V D Satheesan said that the Governor has no right to dismiss any minister. He should not violate the dignity of his post.

Salman Rushdie becomes a disabled man



Mumbai Urdu News (October 25) states that the controversial Indian-origin writer Salman Rushdie has become a handicapped person following a recent attack by an Islamic fundamentalist. One of his eyes and one of his hands have become inactive. Now, neither can he see properly nor his hand is movable. Rushdie's close associates confirmed that the Indian-origin writer landed in this situation following the recent attack on him in New York. According to BBC, there are still 15 wounds on his body and he is still not out of danger.

It is to be noted that this attack on Rushdie, the writer of 'The Satanic Verses', took place on August 12, 2022 in New York when he was about to deliver a speech at a seminar. The writer's controversial essay was published in 1988, on which there were huge controversy in Muslim countries and he had been accused of insulting the Prophet of Islam. The Muslim Ulema in different countries issued fatwas for his killing. The Iran government even announced that anyone killing Rushdie would be rewarded with one crore

dollars. Following this incident, Rushdie remained in exile for almost three decades because he used to get regular death threats. In connection with this attack, a 24-year-old US Muslim youth was arrested, who belongs to Iran.

Roznama Sahara (October 30) states that the US has imposed a ban on an Iranian organization linked to the attack on Salman Rushdie. Al Jazeera in its report said that the US government announced sanctions on Khordad Foundation and after this all the accounts of this institute in US were seized and it directed US citizens not to maintain any kind of relationship with this organization. As per a press note of the US government, following the directive of Iran's supreme religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini in February 1989, the Khordad Foundation had given lakhs of dollars to different people to kill Salman Rushdie. When they did not succeed in their objective, they further hiked the reward money.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the aim of this fatwa was to promote terrorism and violence and to kill

Rushdie and his colleagues. From the point of view of US, it is an attack on the freedom of expression. Recently, when the attack took place on Rushdie, the Iranian government officially denied any responsibility. However, Iran had never withdrawn its decision to



reward for killing Rushdie. The US government claimed that the Iranian Khordad Foundation has distributed 30 lakh dollar for the murder of this writer. Later this year, a man of Iranian origin, attacked Rushdie.

Killing of agents of Islamic Khilafat in Afghanistan



Mumbai Urdu News (October 24) states that the Afghanistan government had announced that its security forces had launched an attack on a station of the Khorasan wing of ISIS in Kabul and shot dead at least six persons. Government spokesperson Qari Yousef Ahmadi claimed

that those who were shot dead had played a role in the attacks on a masjid and a school in Afghanistan, in which dozens of innocents were killed. The spokesperson said that during this action, a soldier of Afghan military was also killed. He said that those who were killed were behind the attack on Wazir Akbar Khan masjid and the school. The

Khorasan wing of Islamic Khilafat is active against the Taliban government in Afghanistan nowadays and it has killed hundreds of people. Those who have been targeted, majority of them belong to Shia and Hazara tribe.

Demand for probe into murder of Pakistani journalist in Kenya

Avadhnama (October 27) states that the United Nations had urged the Kenyan government to conduct a high level inquiry into the mysterious death of Pakistani journalist Arshad Sharif and make the inquiry report public. The United Nations General Secretary said that whatever have been published in newspapers about the mysterious death of this Pakistani journalist, those were totally unfortunate.

Hence the United Nations has demanded Kenya that it should investigate under which circumstances that his death took place? Kenyan government has claimed that Sharif was hit by a police bullet when he was sitting in a car in Nairobi. The police claimed that the incident took place when they were searching cars following the kidnap of a child in the area.



Siasat (October 25) states that in the death of Arshad Sharif, it was initially claimed that his death took place in a car accident. Later the wife of the journalist claimed that he was shot dead. 'The Star,' a local newspaper in Kenya, has claimed that this Pakistani journalist's death took place due to an accidental firing by the police. The newspaper claimed that the police had blocked the road for a security search. When the driver of Arshad Sharif did not stop at the check-post, the police opened fire and one bullet hit the head of the journalist, due to which he died on the spot and the driver got injured. The Kenyan government formed a special team to investigate this incident. Pakistan's interior minister Rana Sanaullah said that the Pakistan government has contacted the Kenyan government to get information on the circumstances under which Arshad Sharif's death took place and had also directed the Nairobi-located Pakistan Embassy to collect all information regarding the matter.

Hindustan Express (October 27) states that due to the mysterious death of Pakistani journalist Arshad Sharif, a sense of fear has spread among Pakistani journalists because this journalist was among those who were close to former prime minister Imran Khan and when Imran Khan was removed from power, many cases were registered against him. Arshad Sharif belonged to ARY Television channel and he was not only a critic of Pakistan government but he used to target

even the Pakistan Army. Seeing threat to life, Arshad fled to Dubai and he stayed there for two months. Later, due to the pressure from the government there, he had to flee from there also and take refuge in Kenya. In Pakistani political circles, there is a debate as to which country put pressure on Dubai government due to which it asked Ashraf Sharif to leave the country.

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan said that Arshad Sharif has been made a victim of 'target killing.' International Federation of Journalists also expressed concern on the incident and said that today the situation in Pakistan is such that no non-partisan journalist has the permission to function. General secretary of Pakistan Journalist Federation has asked the government that it conduct a high-level inquiry to find out who forced journalist Arshad Sharif to flee Pakistan out of fear.

Pakistan military spokesperson Iftikhar Babar said that fingers have been pointed at Pakistan military on the issue of the murder of Arshad Sharif and efforts have been made to give it a bad name. Hence it is necessary that the Pakistan government constitute a judicial commission to inquire into this incident. Pakistan People's Party has also condemned the murder of the journalist. When the body of the deceased was brought to Islamabad from Kenya, Pakistan journalists took part in his burial at huge numbers.

Roznama Sahara (October 29) states that Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has alleged that former prime minister Imran Khan is raising the issue of Arshad Sharif's murder in order to whitewash his dirty politics. It is a very dangerous game. He is deliberately making efforts to create an atmosphere against the military in the country. He claimed that Imran Khan himself had asked Arshad Sharif to leave Pakistan.

Serious allegations against Myanmar military

Inquilab (October 28) states that Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Tom Andrews has alleged that the Myanmar military is killing those who were demanding democratic rights in the country in an organised manner. He urged countries across the world that in order to stop the killing of innocents it is necessary to stop the supply of arms and ammunition to Myanmar military. He said that it is understood that the military, which has been using weapons against those who were seeking restoration of democracy in Myanmar, has been getting them from Russia. In the report presented in the general assembly of United Nations, it has been claimed that in Myanmar the military has so far killed 2,300 people. In the report,

it has been said that ever since the military overthrew the democratic government in 2021, Russia is supplying adequate arms and ammunition to crush the public protests there. In the report, it has also been claimed that last week a number of citizens were killed in an aerial attack by the Myanmar military in a place called Kachin. Countries in the world need to take strong steps in order to stop such killings.

Commenting on this report, Russia's representative said that this report was not based on facts. It is to be noted that there were huge differences between different nations in the United Nations on this report. Russia and China had opposed any kind of sanctions on the military government in Myanmar.

France to train 2,000 Ukraine soldiers



Inquilab (October 17) states that French Defence Minister Sébastien Lecornu had announced that France would give special training to 2,000 Ukraine soldiers in the country. These soldiers will remain part of our units for several weeks. They are being given training in three phases. Apart from military training, they will also be given training in handling foreign weapons. He said that we are not part of the war between Ukraine and Russia, but we are helping a country that has become a victim of the war following the Russian attack. He also confirmed that France had decided to provide Crystal Air Defence System to

Ukraine so that Ukraine could protect itself from Russian air attacks. This Air Defence System will be supplied to Ukraine within two months. Britain has also confirmed giving training to Ukrainian soldiers.

Inquilab (October 20) states that as per a report of US newspaper 'Washington Post,' more than 500 senior officials of the US military have been giving

training to soldiers of many countries in the world. They include many General and Admiral rank officers. The newspaper expressed surprise that these former US military officials are extending help to those nations as well who are notorious for violating human rights. According to the newspaper, this former US official has been upgrading Saudi Arabia, UAE and many other Muslim nations by giving training to their military. The US Department of Defense has confirmed that more than 500 retired senior military officials have been given permission to work abroad.

Shias killed by intruders in a masjid in Iran



Inqilab (October 28) states that at least 15 believers were killed in the famous dargah of Shias, Shah Cheragh, in Frasprouz province in Iran when the terrorists of Sunni organisation ISIS opened indiscriminate firing on the faithfuls. It is being said that in the city called Shiraz, when the faithfuls were offering prayers at the mazar of Imam Ahmad bin Musa Al-Qasim, three terrorists belonging to Sunni organisation ISIS intruded into the mazar and opened indiscriminate fire on the faithfuls in which at least 15 people were killed on the spot. Majority of those killed were women and children. The Iranian soldiers arrested two terrorists from the spot while a search was on for the third one. Sunni terrorist organisation ISIS has taken responsibility for the attack and claimed that at least 25 people were killed in the attack and dozens were injured.

As per a news in **Associated Press** (October 30), one terrorist who was injured in the shooting by the security personnel breathed his last in the hospital. Iran government has cited the hands of Western forces for this attack, who were promoting country-wide mass protests against the

hijab. On the occasion of the last rites of those who were killed in the attack, the chief of Revolutionary Guards, General Hossein Salami has appealed to Iranians that they now stop the protests, otherwise the military will have to use force to deal with them. The US news agency has described these protests as the biggest in the modern history of Iran and claimed that at least 270 people were killed in these protests and more than 14,000 people have been arrested and put in jail. This protests have spread to 125 cities across Iran. The Iranian government has directed its soldiers that they shoot down protesters immediately. Following this, during a protest in Zahedan city, the military opened fire at the protesters in which nearly a dozen people were killed.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 29) states that the family of Kurd woman Mahsa Amini has been taken into custody. The Iranian soldiers opened fire on the people who had gathered at the Kabristan where Mahsa Amini had been buried. The biggest trouble for the Iranian government is that women are actively taking part in

these protests and they are openly setting fire to hijab and burqa.

Avadhnama

(October 31) states that the Speaker of Iranian Parliament said the way innocent Shias were killed in Shiraz, it is clear from it that the enemy wants to cut Iran into pieces. Hence it is necessary to take strong action against those linked to Sunni organisation Islamic Khilafat and London-based anti-Iran TV



network. We will not tolerate foreign agents under any circumstance.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 29) states that huge protests took place in Iran on the occasion of the fortieth remembrance day of Mahsa Amini. The protesters shouted the slogan of 'Dictatorship Murdabad.' Iranian soldiers and protesters clashed in dozens of places. The US government said their sympathies are with the protesters in Iran and they will continue to support them. This apart, Canada, France and Germany also condemned the firing on the protesters and announced their support to the protesters.

Avadhnama (October 29) states that such bloody protests have been taking

place for the past six months. The soldiers opened fire on the people who had gathered for prayers at the Khabristan of Mahsa Amini in which at least eight persons were killed. In Ahmedabad city, the protests attacked police station and set fire to the station.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 31) states that the Iranian soldiers entered the premises of several universities in the country and arrested students and also fired upon them. In Amir Kabir University in Teheran, the protesters raised slogans against the religious teachers of Iran and described them as murderers. In Mashhad, soldiers entered Ferdowsi University and arrested dozens of students.

Pakistani man who created ruckus at Masjid-e-Nabwi released

Roznama Sahara (October 27) states that the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammad bin Salman had directed that all the Pakistanis who were caught on charges of creating ruckus at Masjid-e-Nabwi shall be released. It is to be noted that Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif had urged the Saudi government that the Pakistanis who were sentenced to a jail term of six to eight years on charges of creating ruckus at Masjid-e-Nabwi in April

this year shall be released. It is to be noted that when Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif left for a visit to Saudi Arabia on April 28, the Pakistanis held a massive protest against him and shouted 'thieves go back.' During this visit, he was accompanied by Pakistani ministers like Bilawal Bhutto, Miftah Ismail, Shahzain Bugti, Marriyum Aurangzeb, Khawaja Asif and Maulana Tahir Ashrafi. It is being said that those who held the protests were



linked to former prime minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan.

Avadhnama (October 29) in its editorial said that Pakistan is in a financial crisis and hence Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif visited Saudi Arabia and he urged Arab nations to invest in Pakistan so that it could overcome financial crisis and people get employment.

Decision to grant recognition to Jerusalem as capital of Israel cancelled



Roznama Sahara (October 19) states that the decision taken by the Australian government to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel has been withdrawn. The Australian government said that any decision on this issue will be taken only after an agreement between Israel and Palestinian people over Jerusalem. Foreign affairs minister of Australia Penny Wong said that Australia will always remain a friend of Israel. However, we would like to

see that the dispute over Jerusalem shall be resolved through mutual talks.

It is to be noted that the former prime minister of Australia Scott Morison had announced in December 2018 that Australia recognises Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. This apart, former US President Donald Trump also declared to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. However, the decision taken by the US to open its embassy in

Jerusalem had not been implemented. The Australian Foreign Affairs Minister said that the decision taken by the country's former prime minister to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, due to which Israel got isolated in international level while Indonesia had criticised this decision. We decided to change our stand due to the pressure from different countries in the world.

Over 61 killed in explosion in mine in Turkey



Mumbai Urdu News (October 16) states that at least 41 people were killed in an explosion that took place in a coal mine in northern Turkey and hundreds got buried in debris. Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, after visiting the spot, announced that a high-level inquiry will be conducted

into the incident. He said that efforts are being taken on war-footing to remove debris from the mine in order to rescue those who have been trapped inside. Turkey's energy minister Fatih Donmez said that fortunately fire did not break out in the mine and the explosion took place due to methane gas due to which a large portion of the underground mine got destroyed. The mine is a property of Turkey's government. Earlier, in the history of Turkey, the biggest explosion in coal mines took place in 2014, when more than 300 people were killed.

10 Israeli spies arrested in Iran



Etemaad (October 26) states that according to a spokesperson of Iran government, the country's intelligence agencies had arrested 10 Israeli spies from Iran's province Azerbaijan, who were linked to Israel's intelligence agency

Mossad. These spies were in touch with some officials of Israeli Army and were planning to abduct Iran's military officials with the help of Israelis and extract secret information from them. The Iran government claimed that Mossad had bought over several Iranian officials by paying them huge bribes and these spies were in touch with Mossad headquarters. This gang had been active in Azerbaijan, Teheran and Hormozgan. This gang had tried to destroy several military stations of Iranian Army and also damaged some nuclear facilities.

Ban on BBC's Persian language service



Roznama Sahara (October 21) states that Iran's foreign ministry has confirmed that a ban has been imposed on several foreign media for providing misleading news on the public protests taking place in Iran because they are not only provoking riots and terror activities but are also promoting them. The foreign media that have been

banned include BBC's Persian service, Wal Net media, Global media, DMA media, anti-Iran TV channel and Iran International channel. The Iran government has cancelled the visa of journalists associated with these media institutions and also banned them from entering Iran or collecting news in Iran.

Asian Development Bank extends 1.5 billion dollar help to Pakistan



Inquilab (October 27) states that seeing the crisis in production following the unprecedented floods in Pakistan, the Asian

Development Bank has handed over 1.5 billion US dollars to Pakistan government. Pakistan's Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said that nearly 2 crore people were rendered homeless in the heavy rain that took place in Pakistan recently. The Asian Bank has given us this help after seeing the crisis so that we could successfully handle the present crisis and extend help to the flood victims.

Delhi imams in trouble due to non-payment of wages



Inquilab (October 19) states that for the past six months, the imams in masjids in Delhi are not being paid their wages by the Waqf Board, due to which there is a starvation-like situation in their houses. The Waqf Board has said that the files that were sent to the finance department for

payment of the dues of the imams have not been approved so far because two members of the Waqf Board namely Naeem Fatima Qasmi and Chaudhary Sharif Ahmed had complained to the Delhi government that the government grants being given the Waqf are being misused. Many imams have complained that they are deliberately being harassed. The Delhi government gives Rs 35 crore grant to Waqf Board every year. However, the wages of imams come to just Rs 6 crore only. Despite this, they are being harassed for the past several years. Due to non-payment of wages, they are on the verge of starvation.

Murder of former chief justice of Balochistan

Roznama Sahara (October 16) states that the retired chief justice of Balochistan High Court Mohammad Noor Meskanzai was shot dead when he was coming out after offering namaz in a masjid in Kharan Nagar. According to 'Dawn' newspaper, Deputy Commissioner of Kharan, Asif Halim has confirmed his murder and said police are searching for the culprits.

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo expressed condolences over the courageous and fearless judge. President of Balochistan Bar Association Ajmal Khan Kakar said that the lawyers will observe mourning for three days and will also boycott the courts. He demanded that the killers of the former chief justice be arrested immediately.

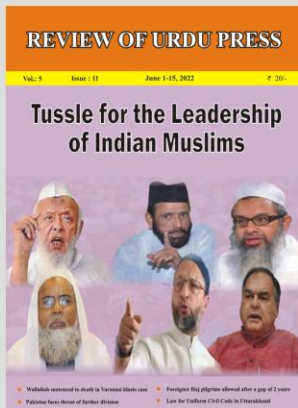
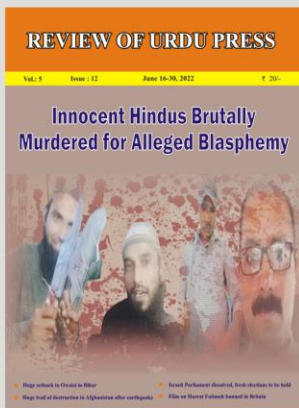
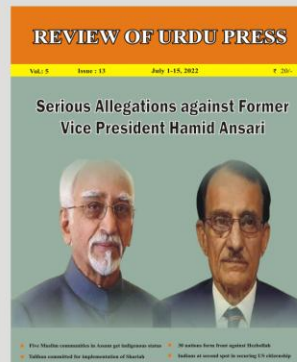
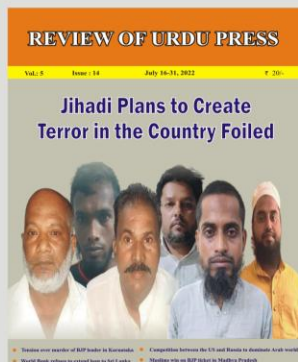
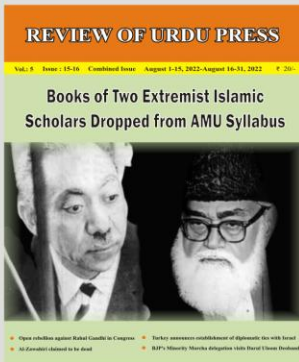
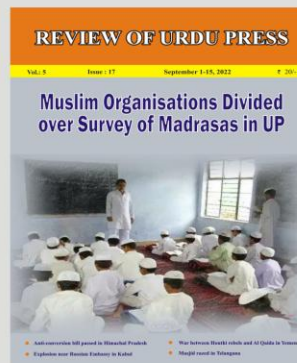
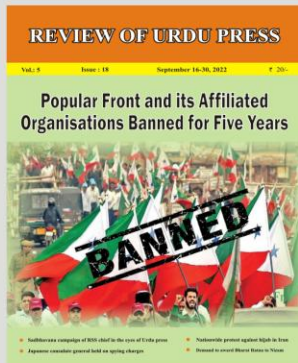
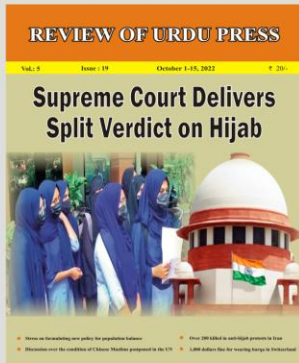
Saudi company official in Uttarakhand jail

Inquilab (October 27) states that a senior official of Saudi Arabia's oil company Saudi Aramco had to spend nearly a week in Chamoli jail in Uttarakhand.



The Uttarakhand police had arrested him on charges of keeping a satellite phone. Later he was released on paying a fine of Rs 1,000. According to British newspaper 'Financial Times', the official named Fergus MacLeod was arrested when he

went to see 'Valley of Flowers' in Uttarakhand. The Uttarakhand police took him into custody for keeping a satellite phone with him. Chamoli Deputy Commissioner Shweta Chaube had confirmed his arrest and said that no foreigner in the country can keep a satellite phone without permission. This official had no idea about this law. Hence the court released him from jail after payment of a fine of Rs 1,000.



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