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## Summary

For the past two decades, Muslims in the country are trying to ensure that maximum number of Muslim candidates take part in the Civil Services Exam being conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. With this aim, various Muslim organisations are running several coaching centres to prepare Muslim candidates for this competitive examination, where Muslim boys and girls are given free food, accommodation and books. Besides, retired senior Muslim officers provide guidance to students in such centres. Even the Modi government started providing Rs 1 lakh each as a special incentive to students from minority communities who appear in such competitive examinations under the 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas Aur Sabka Vishwas' concept. However, despite all these, this year's exam results were disappointing for the Muslim community. The number of Muslims who got selected in this year's Civil Services Exam is the lowest in the past one decade.

Generally, the chief of Jamiat Ulema (Mahmood Madani group), Mahmood Madani, is regarded as a refined Muslim leader. However, recently at a meeting of the Jamiat Ulema organised in Deoband, he displayed his radical side. He threatened that those who were not willing to accept Muslims and Islam should leave Bharat and go to some other place. In this meeting, several resolutions were passed in which it was complained that the ruling party, as part of its agenda, is conspiring to impose Uniform Civil Code on the Muslims in the country. This effort is an open violation of the rights guaranteed to the minorities under the Constitution. The resolution has claimed that the personal law of Muslims is an integral part of Quran and Hadhis which were given to Muslims by Allah. Hence no power in the world has the permission to snatch it away at any point of time.

A new turning point that has come in the politics of Jamiat Ulema is that after a decade, the chacha-bhatija (Arshad--Mahmood) are getting ready to get united after forgetting their differences. In the meeting, Arshad Madani, Mahmood Madani's uncle and his strong opponent, for the first time participated in a meeting of Jamiat Ulema faction led by Mahmood Madani and confirmed the unity efforts. The interesting thing is that the Madani family is staying in the country for hundreds of years and even now they maintain their old identity of a family that originally belongs to Medina. This is the reason why they use 'Madani' as part of their name.

Currently, there is huge competition among various Muslim organisations to assume the leadership role of Muslims in the country. There is competition among Ittehadul Muslimeen's Owaisi brothers, Madani group of Jamiat Ulema, Muslim Personal Law Board and chief of Ittehad-e-Millet Council Maulana Tauqeer Raza Khan. These organisations want to take the advantage of widespread anger among Muslims. Now, a former MP, Mohammad Adeeb, has also joined the race. Mohammad Adeeb is a controversial figure right from the beginning. Recently, he had called a meeting of Muslim intellectuals in Delhi to discuss the problems being faced by Muslims in which nearly 600 Muslim leaders have claimed to have participated. The strange thing is that though Adeeb had claimed that no political leader was invited for the meeting, all those who participated turned out to be political leaders only. The tussle between the leaders came out in the open when the meeting turned down the proposal to support the 'jail bharo' agitation plan of Maulana Tauqeer Raza Khan.

## Tussle for the leadership of Indian Muslims



Huge differences have arisen among different institutions of Muslims on how to take on the government over the rights of the Muslims. Nowadays there is lot of resentment among Muslims against the government and many Muslim leaders have hit the ground in order to take maximum advantage of it. In the past two weeks, many organisations like Jamiat Ulema, Majlis-e-Mushawarat, Muslim Personal Law Board, Popular Front of India and Dargah-e-Aala Hazrat of Bareilly organised separate meetings. However, these organisations could not decide so far what policy should be adopted in their agitation against the Modi government.

**Inquilab** (May 30) reports that former MP Mohammad Adeb had called a meeting of Muslim intellectuals in Delhi. He had claimed that more than 650 people from different sections of the society would gather for the event. These people came from 21 states, spending their own money. In this meeting, a decision has been taken to form a non-political organisation comprising former ministers, MPs, bureaucrats, judges and others to help Muslims get their legitimate rights. In an interview to YouTube channel News MX TV, Adeb said the government has, in the past several years, terrified the Muslims to

such an extent that they could not even dare to raise their voices against the harassment meted out by communal parties. He said that today the truth is that our religion and culture is not safe in the country. In order to take on the government, a big organisation is being formed comprising a legal cell, a strong social media cell and media that would be able to successfully thwart the well-planned campaign to deprive Muslims of their Constitutional rights.

He said that for the past few years, the government has been harassing Muslims, interfering in their religious affairs, apart from unleashing a bulldozer drive against them, which cannot be tolerated. We will strongly raise our voice against this campaign in all corners of the country. In this connection, future plans will soon be announced.

**Roznama Sahara** (May 30) reports that an 'Indian Muslim Intellectuals Meet' was organised at Aiwan-e-Ghalib institute in Delhi. Its organiser, Mohammad Adeb, has claimed that no political party has been invited to participate in the meeting. Those who were invited were called on the basis of their individual capacity. The differences between various Muslim leaders taking part in the meeting came out in the open when





the chief of Ittehad-e-Millat Council and the head of the Barelvi sect Maulana Thauqeer Raza Khan stressed that the Muslims in the country should launch a 'jail bharo' agitation against the government and at least one lakh Muslims should take part in this protest. He said Muslims are deliberately being harassed and the manner in which they are being deprived of their Constitutional rights cannot be tolerated any longer. He said that nearly 20,000 Muslims have come out on the streets in the past few days to take part in the 'jail bharo' agitation announced by him. What is needed is to make widen this protest. He demanded that an announcement shall be made about this agitation in this meeting itself. However, despite his demand, no announcement could be made about the 'jail bharo' agitation in the meeting.

**Inquilab** (May 30 reports that the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Farooq Abdullah, said those who were present here today were concerned not just about Muslims, but about the country. He said we are not united, because government informers have infiltrated among us because of which we are unable to move forward. He said that Muslims are not afraid of any ruler except Allah. Today's rulers need to understand this. He said that Muslims need not panic. History

is witness to the fact that whenever we displayed courage, patience and unity, we always had won. Lok Sabha member Kunwar Danish Ali said all those who feel the pain of the country and the community have gathered here and it is the need of the time. The government is trapping Muslims in fake cases and indiscriminately sending them to jail and even Muslim leaders and journalists are arrested on false charges. In such a situation, we need people who can unite the country and create a legal framework to foil the intentions of the government. Former governor Aziz Qureshi, quoting from history, said that no Muslim ruler had ever done any killing. All the killings were done by non-Muslim rulers only. He said that the surprising thing is that a temple is surfacing in every masjid. A Shivling is being recovered at every place. Our women are targeted on the issue of hijab. We need to fight this battle with courage. Former Union Minister and Congress leader Salman Khurshid said that if one wants to save this country, then we need to forget our differences and launch a non-political organisation which can fight for the rights of minorities in this country. Former Minister K Rahman Khan said that Muslim organisations have so far failed to protect the rights of Muslims. We need to include women and children in our campaign. Shahi imam of Fatehpuri masjid



Mufti Mukarram Ahmad said that today communalism has spread in the country. Muslims are being denied their fundamental rights. Member of Parliament Hasnain Masoodi said that a war is on with nearly 22 crore Muslims in this country. Now we need to fight for our rights. Currently, Muslim community needs leadership. If we miss this, we will be wiped out from the history. Former MP Dr Aziz Pasha said that we are going through the most difficult phase. We should not remain silent and instead need to fight for our rights. Leader of the students' wing of Jamia Milia Islamia, Safoora Zargar said that today Muslims are rotting in jail. We need to fight for them. We are Muslims and we will prepare for the next programme as per the teachings of Islam.

Convenor of the programme, Mohammad Adeb said that a committee is being formed to save the Constitution and democracy, and it will not be political. We

also need to take steps to neutralise the campaign that has been unleashed in the media against Muslims at the behest of the government. This is the time to do work, not to halt or stop it. Currently, Muslims need collective leadership. On this occasion, Padma Shri Syeda Saiyidain Hameed, former MP Ali Anwar, Z A Faizan, Fareed Sheikh, Umar Sharif, Sadaf Zafari, Dr Maskoor Usmani, Samiya Raza, Zahid Qadri also condemned that the government is targeting hijab, azaan, beard, cap and masjids which the Muslims will not tolerate under any circumstances.

**Comment:** As far as Mohammad Adeb is concerned, he is a controversial person right from the beginning. He was involved in several controversies in Aligarh Muslim University itself. Later he joined Bahujan Samaj Party and reached Rajya Sabha. Later he embraced Shivpal Yadav. He made efforts to connect himself with Majlis-e-Mushawarat, but it did not become a success. When there was a protest in Gurgaon against namaz in public places, Mohammad Adeb made an attempt to infiltrate into the protests. In this connection, the Gurgaon police had even filed an FIR against Mohammad Adeb. In 2013, when Narendra Modi visited the US, Adeb, with the help of some other MPs, sent a letter to the then US President Barack Obama demanding that Modi should not be given visa to enter the US.

## RSS chief not in favour of a new agitation

The announcement made by Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Dr Mohan Bhagwat, not to participate in any agitations in future, has been welcomed by Muslim organisations and Urdu newspapers.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (May 5) reports that following the disputes that have come up in several masjids across the country and after the survey being conducted at Gyanvapi mosque on the basis of a court direction and the claim over the

discovery of Shivling at Wazu Khana, the chief of RSS Dr Mohan Bhagwat has given a statement that in future the Sangh will not take part in any agitations related to any places of worship. Mohan Bhagwat was speaking at a function organised at RSS headquarters. He said that it cannot be denied that the RSS has participated in the Ram Mandir agitation in Ayodhya but participating in it was against the basic nature of the organisation. Now in future, the RSS will not take part in any new



agitation. Talking about the Gyanvapi masjid in Varanasi, he said that 'history cannot be changed by anyone.' Gyanvapi is an issue, but it is wrong to see it through the eyes of Hindu-Muslim conflict, because Muslim invaders have come from outside the country. They created this issue. Now the Sangh wants to promote social harmony and would like to awaken the spirit of Hindutva. Hence, there should not be clashes between different communities of this country. Hindustan should be made Vishwaguru and the entire world should be given the message of peace. He told the swayamsevaks of RSS that, 'we need not look for a Shivling in every masjid.' Some may be places of worship, but why kick up a row in every place. He also mentioned about the Russia-Ukraine war in his speech. He said that Russia launched an attack on Ukraine, but India has a balanced viewpoint on this issue. This war tells Hindustan also that it needs to remain strong. Mentioning about the need for the Hindu dharma also to remain strong, the RSS chief said that we neither need to get scared of anyone, nor there is any need to scare anyone. We need to stay together and go further to become the Vishwaguru.

**Etemaad** (June 3) reports that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said that the issue of Gyanvapi still remains. We cannot change history. Neither today's Hindus nor today's

Muslims created this issue. All this took place when Islam arrived here along with invaders. These invaders targeted our places of worship so that the morale of those who want the freedom of the country could be destroyed. He said that a Hindu doesn't think against Muslims. The ancestors of today's Muslims were Hindus. Foreign and heretic invaders, in order to break the spirit of Hindus, destroyed their religious places and forcefully converted their places of worship. Now, this feeling has arisen among Hindus that we retrieve our old places and that should be done through mutual talks. In case if it doesn't happen that way, then the issue goes to the court and in such a situation whatever be the decision of the court, everyone should abide by it.

**Salar** (June 4) reports that the former vice-chancellor of Maulana Azad University and well-known Muslim thinker, Prof Akhtarul Waze, expressed happiness over the statement of Sarsanghchalak and said that Indian Muslims have been telling right from the beginning that they were not responsible for old happenings, but some people are not willing to listen due to their selfish interests. It is a happy thing that the RSS chief has made it clear that the Sangh will not get involved in any other mandir controversies after the Babri Masjid case.





He said he is hopeful that after this clear statement of the Sarsanghchalak, those sitting in power will act in a wise manner, who are again raising mandir-masjid issues in the country. There should be a ban on such controversies. If we want to realise the dream of Vishwaguru, then it is necessary that every citizen of this country, whatever be his religion, get united and ensure social harmony. We need to come out of our murky past and move towards a bright future and rein in the mischief-mongers.

**Etemaad** (June 4) reports that the chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Asaduddin Owaisi, has ridiculed the statement of Mohan Bhagwat and said that the RSS has actively participated in the destruction of Babri Masjid violating Supreme Court directions and justified their action saying it was necessary to do so due to historical reasons. The question today is whether the RSS is taking the same path in the Gyanvapi case as well. In his tweet, Owaisi said that the issue of forcible conversion is a big lie and Mohan Bhagwat is not willing to accept that all those who were born in India are Indian citizens. He said that the speech of Mohan Bhagwat on Gyanvapi mosque cannot be ignored. If it is right for him to say that it was necessary for the RSS to participate in the agitation in Babri Masjid case due to historical reasons, then it has a

straight meaning-- that the RSS is not willing to respect the Supreme Court. Hence it took part in the destruction of the masjid. He said that it is wrong for Mohan Bhagwat to say that Islam was brought to India by invaders. The truth is that Islam was brought by traders, intellectuals and religious scholars who brought them to Bharat first.

**Hamara Samaj** (June 4) in its editorial has welcomed the statement of Mohan Bhagwat and said that the RSS will no longer participate in any mandir agitation. On the Gyanvapi masjid controversy, he said we have devotion towards Gyanvapi and doing something as per that, it's alright. But why look for a Shivling in every masjid? A new controversy should not be created every day. Bharat does not want to conquer the world. Instead, our aim is to connect each other. Addressing swayamsevaks in Nagpur, Mohan Bhagwat said about Gyanvapi that it is a historical issue which we cannot change. It was not built by modern day Hindus and neither by today's Muslims. Describing the ancestors of Hindustani Muslims as Hindus, he said he had made it clear in November 9 itself that Ram Mandir agitation was a movement where we took part against our principles due to the pressures of history. This matter



has ended. Now we do not want to take part in any another agitation.

If one looks at it, the statement of Mohan Bhagwat makes the viewpoint of Sangh very clear and even Muslims will feel happy that the RSS doesn't like agitations being unleashed against masjids, but it is also possible that this statement is just a statement. Now if these agitations do not have the blessings from RSS, then why the government has not taken any action against the people who are running these campaigns? Almost every day, an issue has been created in one masjid or the other, and it is described as a temple. Doesn't the government feel that such threatening statements are hurting the feelings of Muslims? Will not such statements damage the atmosphere in the country and further widen the gap between Hindus and Muslims? It will not be proper to ignore the statement that he had issued earlier in July last year as well. It is for the first time he had said that mob lynching was against the concept of Hindutva and those who tell Muslims to leave this country are not Hindus. Hindustan belongs to everyone, but don't know why this statement had no effect on people. However, Muslims have welcomed this. For the first time he admitted about mob lynching and also confirmed that the Indian Muslims are nationalists. He had openly said that without the existence of Muslims, there is no existence of Hindustan. As far as RSS is concerned, it is a disciplined organisation, comprising lakhs of Swayamsevaks. When the chief of the RSS says something, the entire cadre of the Sangh follows it and his statement also has an effect on the BJP as well. His latest statement gives rise to the hope that mischief mongers will be reined in at ground level.

**Avadhnama** (June 4) in its editorial has welcomed the statement of Mohan Bhagwat and said that the Muslims in the country should also feel happy about it as they feel disturbed over the movements started against different masjids in the country. However, the question is if the RSS chief is serious, then why the BJP-led

government is not acting against those people who are targeting some masjid or the other every day? In order to win the trust of Muslims, it is necessary for different state governments to take stringent action against such mischievous elements, who are targeting Muslims and their religious places. In this connection, unless the government takes some credible action, it would not be possible for us to say that the RSS chief had given this statement with some kind of seriousness.

**Salar** (June 6) in its editorial said the RSS and BJP always spew venom against a particular community of the country. They see a Shivling below every masjid and in order to prove their claim, have been demanding razing of masjids, mazars, Sufi shrines and other buildings. The truth is that the spokesperson of BJP Nupur Sharma did not desist from targeting even the Prophet. Due to this, the peaceful atmosphere of Hindustan got disturbed and those who keep their faith in democracy have started thinking about the future of India. In such a situation, the RSS chief has given the message to extremist Hindus that there is no need to look for a Shivling below every masjid and the RSS will not be part of any mandir agitation in future. Any amount of praise will not be enough for the effort being made to bring the situation under control by dismissing Nupur Sharma from the party. General Secretary of BJP, Arun Singh, has clearly said that his party is against insulting any faith or religion and the BJP will not promote such people under any circumstance, but the question here is if the people of the party did not desist from targeting even the Prophet, then why the party did not take action against them immediately? Why they remained silent spectators? Why they were not obeying the law of 1991? In the present circumstances, the statement of Mohan Bhagwat and the expulsion of Gustak-e-Rasool Nupur Sharma from the party should be seen from a positive point of view in order to curb the disturbances in the country.



**Hindustan Express** (June 7) in its editorial has welcomed the statement of Mohan Bhagwat and said that in the past also he had condemned the objectionable statements issued by some so-called dharmacharyas in the name of Dharma Sansad. From this statement of Mohan Bhagwat, there is hope that those who are demanding the right for puja/archana at Gyanvapi and demanding a mandir at the Krishna Janmabhoomi masjid in Mathura will abstain from mischievous actions. Organisations like Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal are all linked to RSS. Hence there is hope that after this clear directive of RSS chief, they will not raise any mandir-masjid issue and create an atmosphere of instability in the country nor do they do any harm to the social harmony in the country.

### **Summary of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's speech**

In his address on the occasion of the valedictory function of the third-year Sangh Shiksha Varg, Sarsanghchalak Dr Mohan Bhagwat said that every Indian is the child of Bharat Mata. All are descendants of common ancestors and everyone commonly inherited this self-evolved culture. If you separate Dharma from puja, rituals, food choices and traditions, then our real Dharma remains. Brotherhood and humanity are soul of

Bharat. That is the ancient Sanatan Dharma of Bharat. That is humanity. It is now called Hindu Dharma. We all need to keep this in mind that diversity is ours, and it is not separation. Now this issue has come to the surface. The issue of Gyanvapi is lingering on. It is such an issue, a part of history, which we cannot change. We did not create this history. Neither was this created by those who call themselves as Hindus today, nor was it created by today's Muslims. It happened then. Islam came from outside, it came along with invaders. During those attacks, in order to weaken the mental strength of those who wanted to remain independent in Bharat, their devasthans were destroyed. Thousands of them. There are certain places where the Hindu society has a special attention, there is some special reverence for them. Questions are being raised about such places. Now what to do about it. Hindus do not think against Muslims. The ancestors of today's Muslims were also Hindus. These were done in order to permanently keep them away from freedom and in order to suppress their mental strength. Hence Hindus feel that these should be revived. We are not saying anything. On November 9, we had said that there was Sri Ramjanmabhoomi agitation in which we had taken part as against our own nature due to some historical reasons and we adapted to the situation then. We have

completed that work and now we don't want to take part in any other agitation. But if some issues are in the heart, they come up. This is not against someone and it should not be considered as against someone. Neither Muslims, nor Hindus should look at it as against any community. If there is some issue, it will be good if people sit together and find a way out through consensus. However, it won't happen like that every time. Then it goes to the court. Whatever decision the court takes, then one should abide by it. We must comply with its decision by considering our Constitutional justice system as sacred and the best. We should not put a question mark on its decision. We have a special symbolic belief on certain places, about which we have already mentioned, but we should not come out with a new issue every day. Why do we need to escalate the fight?

We have some sentiments about Gyanvapi, it has come through generations, we are doing it, it is fine. But what is the need to look for a Shivling in every masjid? That is also a way of worship. It has come from outside, that's fine, but those who adopted it, those Muslims do not maintain their links with outside, something which they also need to understand. However, their puja is from there and it is fine if they want to maintain it as here we are not opposed to any kind of worship. Everybody has recognition and there is a sense of sanctity to everyone's symbols. In spite of their puja being from outside, they are still the descendants of our Rishi-Munis, Raja Kshatriyas right from the ancient sanatan period. Everyone is a descendent of the common ancestors. We have got the same tradition. The friend-enemy concept is same for us. In every war for freedom in the country, some nationalist Muslims had always fought alongside the Hindus. They are the ideals for the Muslims in this country. It has come down from historical times. Their connections are with this land, not with outside. Hence they also need to understand. Bharat is our motherland. Bharat's culture, its inclusiveness, considers everyone as ours without

changing them. Our puja, our land is greatest for us. But everyone's puja is greatest for everyone. We do not harm anyone. We should not adopt an intolerant and arrogant stand that only ours is right and instead need to be equal with everyone in life.

It was acceptable. Hence when Pakistan was formed, a few people left. But these people did not go. Their contention could be that their puja had become different and hence they wanted to leave India. They didn't like it any more. They might have thought something like that. Now we should live in harmony in Bharat. Do not sing the same song of partition again. Puja is separate and hence the interest is separate, don't make such claims. The entire Hindu society also needs to understand that they are descendants of our same ancestors, our own brothers through blood relation, and if they want to come back, then we have to welcome them with open hands. If they do not want to come, still there is no problem, we have 33 crore devi-devatas here, it will increase a bit, and what difference it will make? Everyone is doing his or her puja. Everyone should be a patriot. The generosity in our culture, inclusiveness, treating everyone equally, belief in oneself, thinking of everyone's development not one's own development. Our development is not a different or special one, it should be seen along with that of others. We have those ancestors, who have given us this legacy. Keeping their dignity in our mind, and following their lifestyle, we need to move ahead. This is the way for unity. The Preamble of our Constitution directs the same. The Constitution has directive principles, which says the same thing. We need to be cautious. If there is unity in the society, then everyone needs to be concerned about each other's feelings. There should not be any extremism in thought, deed and action. There could be nonsensical threats from both sides. Very few come from the side of Hindus. Hindus have kept lot of courage. Hindus have sacrificed a lot for this unity. The country



was also partitioned. Still such voices are raised and nobody opposes them. Hence people like us keep saying that we all are brothers. But a question still remains in the heart of Hindus. Hence everyone should question their own extremist people. Hindus do question. If we also say something, then there are people who question us also.

Hindu society doesn't accept any kind of extremism. Hence lot of people came to Hindu society, the Jews came, the Parsis came. Whenever any nation in the world faced bewilderment or stumbled, they came to this land to seek the truth. It is the tradition of the life of Hindus. The Hindus also need to understand this and practice Hindutva accordingly. Let be strong, not to win, but we don't want to be defeated by someone else. There is no need to scare away anyone, but should not get scared by anyone either. The Hindus should be like this and bring all and involve everyone in the prosperous flow of the life of the nation.

For this, whatever is needed, whatever energy is needed, the Sangh is making efforts to inculcate such an energy in everyone. It is the country's most essential and important requirement. The is because some people are still active, who exploit the diversities of language, region, religion etc to create the rift between us, instigate for fight with each other and fulfil their selfish agenda. Such people are in the world, also in the country. Sensible people should not fall in their trap under any circumstance.

Now there is a long way to go. Today somebody said something and



tomorrow we changed it, it can't happen like that. It is a difficult road, a rough patch. But we need to pass through it only. We want the victory of Bharat Mata. We believe in maintaining affinity and brotherhood with each other. If we want to make Bharat a Vishwaguru, then we have to go ahead with this commitment. A capable, accomplished and organised Hindu society, based on the right attitude, has the potential to create a new happy, beautiful world, not just a country, after ending clashes, enmity and conflicts. The Sangh has been trying to create such a capability, such awareness, throughout the country since 1925. The initiative got disrupted several times, but the work never stopped. It is moving ahead step by step. If not today, we will be able to make it successful tomorrow. I said tomorrow, if not today, but from what we can see today.....it is becoming obvious that in the coming time, the entire society of Bharat will get united, forgetting all differences, sacrificing self-interests, get involved in making the nation great and make the entire world a happy place. This vision will speed up the pace of your work, with the cooperation of all those who are present here, invited here. The situation has become this much favourable today.

## Waliullah gets death sentence in Varanasi blast case

**Roznama Sahara** (June 7) reports that the main accused in the Varanasi blasts that took place in 2006, Mohammad Waliullah, has been sentenced to death in one case and given life-term in another one by a special

court in Ghaziabad. The decision has come after 16 years. At least 16 people were killed in the blasts. He has been given death sentence for the blasts that took place at Sankat Mochan temple. Seven persons

were killed in this blast and 26 were injured. Along with this, Waliullah has been given life-term on charges of conspiring for the cooker bomb blasts that took place at Deshashwamedh Ghat. A fine of Rs 4 lakh has also been imposed on him. This case was shifted from Varanasi to Ghaziabad on the request of CBI. Waliullah is in Dasna jail for the past 16 years.



**Inquilab** (June 8) reports that the chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Arshad Madani, said they will question the conviction in the high court and said that he is hopeful that he will get justice. He said that in the Akshardham attack case, the four persons who were given death sentence were released by the Supreme Court. He said that Mufti Waliullah belongs to Phulpur in Uttar Pradesh and he has been given free legal aid and financial help by Jamiat Ulema.

**Comment:** A serial bomb blast took place at Cantt Railway Station, Deshashwamedh Ghat and Sankat Mochan temple in Varanasi on March 7, 2006. During investigations, Waliullah, Mohammad Juber, Zakariya, Mustakeem and Basheer have been identified as the accused. Among them, Mohammad Juber

was killed in an encounter in Kashmir. The other accused are still absconding. It is being said that they have escaped to Pakistan via Nepal. On April 5, 2006, the police arrested Waliullah, a maulavi of a madrasa. During the hearing in this case, no lawyer from Varanasi was willing to argue the case on behalf of Waliullah. Hence, on the directions of the high court, the case was transferred to Ghaziabad and six lawyers defended Waliullah on behalf of Jamiat Ulema. During the hearing in the case for 16 years, 121 witnesses were produced before the court of judge Jitendra Kumar Sinha. The court convicted Waliullah in two cases, while he was acquitted in the blast case that took place in Varanasi court due to lack of evidence.

## Number of Muslim candidates selected in Civil Services Exam goes down

The Union Public Services Commission has announced the results of the Civil Services Exam held in 2021.

**Salar** (May 31), a newspaper published from Bengaluru, reports that the latest result of the Union Public Services Examination is a big setback for Muslims in the past one decade. This year, only 25 Muslim candidates emerged successful. Various Muslim organisations have arranged free coaching for the preparation of exams for IAS, IFS, IPS etc due to

which trained candidates got huge success. Among the 685 successful candidates, 403 were trained by Muslim institutions. The highest number of 23 successful candidates were from Jamia Milia Islamia Academy, including 12 Muslims. Whereas 22 from Aligarh Muslim University, 17 from Jawaharlal Nehru University and 7 candidates got selected from Jamia Hamdard. Only 2 persons got selected from Benaras Hindu University. The interesting thing is that Shruti Sharma, who got the



first rank in the exams, also received her training from Jamia Milia Islamia.

The Urdu newspapers expressed concern that out of the first 100 candidates who got selected, there is not a single Muslim. The highest rank secured by a Muslim is by Areeba Nomaan and he got 109<sup>th</sup> rank. The other Muslim candidates who got selected include Mohd Suboor Khan, Syed Mustafa Hashmi, Afnan Abdu Samed, Arshad Muhammed, Mohd Saquib Alam, Asrar Ahmad Kichloo, Ashik Ali, Mohammed Abdul Rawoof Shaik, Nazish Umar Ansari, Faizal Khan, Shumaila Choudhary, Mavis Tak, Md Qamaruddin Khan, Mohd Shabir, Faisal Raza, Masoom Raja Khan, Ashif A, Muskan Dagar, Tahseenbanu Dawadi, Shaikh Mohd Zaib Zakir, Mohammed Siddiq Shariff, Mohammad Shaukat Azeem, Hosni Mubarak, and Anwar Hussain.

**Aurangabad Times** (May 31) reports that in the past 10 years, the number of Muslim candidates who passed the exam was never this low. The newspaper claimed that due to Corona pandemic, Muslims were not able to clear the exam in large numbers.

**Roznama Sahara** (May 31) in its editorial expressed happiness that the first three ranks were secured by women. The

newspaper expressed concern that the number of Muslims who pass the examinations in all-India services are sharply declining compared to the ratio of population of the Muslims.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (May 31) in its editorial expressed concern that the Sangh Parivar, for the past several years, has been running a UPSC jihad campaign and misleading the people of the country. Sudarshan TV channel is far ahead in this campaign. Shruti Sharma, who secured the first rank in the exam, has credited her success to the coaching at Jamia Milia Islamia and also praised two professors, Tariq and Farooqui. The newspaper said that the ratio of Muslims who passed the exams this year is 3 per cent. The newspaper said that the Muslim youths need not get disappointed over the failure that happened this time and should start preparing for the next exams with a double vigour so that those who are running a campaign against Muslims will get a slap on their face when the results come.

**Avadhnama** (June 1) has expressed concern over the decreasing number of Muslim candidates in these competitive examinations. The newspaper said that since the financial condition of Muslims is going down day by day, the Muslim



candidates could not successfully attend online coaching classes amid the Corona pandemic. They did not have facilities like smartphone and internet. This apart, the Muslims are a worried lot due to the current situation in the country. This atmosphere also might have definitely influenced the outcome of the exams.

**Aurangabad Times** (June 2) states that if Muslims want to improve their condition in the country, then they need to focus more and more on education. It could be said in general that there are no biases in these exams. If this is true, then we need to think how the number of Muslims who had cleared the exams in the previous years has come down now. The entire effort of the party which is in power today is how to marginalise Muslims. Hence it is necessary to convey to Muslim students that they take part in these exams with full dedication and hard work.

The newspaper also said that majority of the Muslim candidates who cleared the exams in the previous years got their education from madrasas and they also appeared the exam through Urdu medium. The newspaper said that institutions like Zakat Foundation, Jamia

Milia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Hamdard should make provisions for coaching Muslim candidates to appear in these examinations. Those Muslims who are in IAS, IPS and IFS should provide their services free of cost to these institutions so that the new generation will be able to find their rightful place in the government.

**Comment:** Earlier in 2020, nearly 31 Muslims cleared the Civil Services Exam. In 2019, their number was 42. In 2018, it was 40 and in 2017 the maximum number of 52 candidates cleared the exam. In 2016, their number was 36 and in 2015, it was 38. In 2014 it was 34, in 2013 it was 30, in 2012 it was 30, in 2011 it was again 30, in 2010 it was 31 and in 2009, 21 Muslim candidates cleared the exam. Currently, nearly 10 Muslim institutions are running 51 centres in the country for coaching of candidates who appear for all India services examinations. In these institutions, Muslim candidates are given free food, accommodation and books. The Union Ministry for Minority Affairs also provide Rs one lakh as financial aid to each Muslim candidate who appear for these examinations.

## Maulana Mahmood Madani's threat

**Inquilab** (May 30) reports that the chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Mahmood Madani, while addressing a two-day meeting of the central executive of Jamiat Ulema, said that those who do not like Islam and Muslims and want to send us to Pakistan, they themselves should go to Pakistan. He said that if they do not like our separate identity and love for nation, then they should leave this country for somewhere else. Mahmood Madani said they will not tolerate Uniform Civil Code under any circumstance. This is because the Constitution has given them the right to do so. Those who want to make the law, let them go ahead, but it will not affect Muslims. The fact is that Muslims will stick to their religion and Shariah.

**Avadhnama** (May 30) reports that a resolution on Uniform Civil Code has been adopted at the meeting, in which it has been stated that implementation of Uniform Civil Code is an interference in Islam. We will not tolerate this under any circumstance. If anybody makes any attempt to implement the Uniform Civil Code, it will be a violation of Section 25 of the Constitution, which gives the liberty for every individual to practice the religion of his choice. The resolution criticised the ruling party for allegedly threatening to implement the Uniform Civil Code with the aim of ending the Muslim personal law. In this meeting, a resolution has also been passed over the Shahi Idgah in Mathura and Gyanvapi masjid in Varanasi in which



it has been stated that the Jamiat Ulema wanted to tell those in power that it should not try to revive the old rivalry that took place in history again and again, because it will lead to disturbance of peace and will be a threat to brotherhood. In the Babri Masjid case, the Supreme Court had upheld the 1991 law that seeks to maintain the status quo at the places of worship, and hence the ruling party should not dig up old feuds.

Maulana Mahmood Madani said we have been working patiently for the past 10 years. We have been accused of spewing venom. However, nobody has the courage to question those sitting in power and spewing venom. We are technically a minority, but those who agree with our ideology are in a majority in this country. The dealers of hate are actually in a minority. He complained that the mainstream media and a section of the Urdu media interpreted his statements in their own way. He said those sitting in power are threatening us with CBI inquiry. Those who cannot tolerate our religion should leave this country for somewhere else.

Jamiat said that the Muslim personal law on marriage, talaq, khula and inheritance are not created by any society or the government. These are part of Quran

and Hadhis. Our religious faith rests on them. Hence no government or any court have any right to make any amendments or to scrap them. It is a direct interference in our Islam and a violation of the provision guaranteed under Article 25 of the Constitution. If any government makes the mistake of implementing the Uniform Civil Code, then the Muslims and many other communities will not accept it under any circumstances and will take all possible steps against it. The resolution also stated that the government will get courage to interfere in the religious affairs of Muslims only when we ourselves move away from Islam and Shariah. If Muslims live as per Islam, no power in this world will be able to stop it and neither the Uniform Civil Code be implemented on them.

As per another news published in this newspaper, nearly a decade after a split in the 100-year old Jamiat, there is a possibility of the two groups coming together again. Currently, the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind is divided into two groups. One group is headed by Maulana Arshad Madani while the other group is in the hands of his nephew Mahmood Madani. For the first time in a decade it happened that in a meeting organised by the Mahmood Madani group, his uncle Maulana Arshad Madani also took part.

Maulana Arshad Madani said that after seeing the crisis being faced by the Muslims in the country it has become necessary for the Muslims to get united so that the rights of the Muslims could be protected and the government do not get the opportunity to display arbitrariness. He said Islamic scholars had made great sacrifices for issues right from the freedom of the country till Babri Masjid issue. Our people never came on the streets, but they did Constitutional fight.

It is to be noted that the Jamiat Ulema was founded in 1919 on the directions of the Khilafat Committee for khilafat and to protect the rights of Hindustani Muslims. Its founding members include several prominent Muslim scholars like Maulana Hussain Madani, Abdul Bari Firangi Mahali, Kifayatullah Dalhavi, Mohammad Ibrahim Sialkoti and Sanauallah Amritasari. Jamiat Ulema has been supporting Congress party right from the beginning. Earlier, its general secretary Maulana Hafizur Rahman used to win on Congress ticket to Lok Sabha. After his death, Maulana Asad Madani had adorned the Rajya Sabha on Congress ticket for 24 long years. Earlier, Jamiat Ulema got divided at least three times in the past. In the same manner, division took place in the Jamiat Ulema-run Darul Uloom Deoband as well and Maulana Anzar Shah Kashmiri rebelled against the leadership of Jamiat Ulema and established a parallel Darul Uloom Deoband (Waqf). Darul Uloom Deoband and Jamiat Ulema are linked to the Wahabi ideology of Sunni Muslims.

**Akhbar Mashriq** (May 31) has published an editorial titled ‘Those who do not like Muslims should go to Pakistan, Maulana Mahmood’s plain speak at Jamiat Ulema meeting.’ The two-day conference of Jamiat Ulema concluded at Deoband. More than 5,000 Ulema took part in this conference and they discussed the religious, social and political situation of Muslims. Addressing the concluding session of the conference, Maulana Mahmood Madani said this country belongs to us and those who do not like us

and Islam should leave this country. He also issued a strong warning to Hindu organisations targeting Muslims. He told Muslims not to reply to fire with fire. This nation belongs to us and we will save this country from mad and crazy people. Those who do not like our religion, dress and rituals, should leave Hindustan and go to Pakistan. We will stay here only. During Partition we were given the right to migrate to Pakistan if we wanted, but our ancestors had the priority to stay in Bharat. Those who want to forcibly impose their decisions on us they should understand that no decisions could be forcefully imposed on us. Nobody has the right to change the personal law in Islam and Shariat.

He said that there are three main things in the agenda of Sangh Parivar, they are the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, scrapping the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and imposing the Uniform Civil Code. The Sangh Parivar has implemented the first two items of the agenda and now they want to forcefully impose the Uniform Civil Code on us. The BJP government in Uttar Pradesh has formed a committee to implement it. The other BJP-ruled states in the country are also preparing to impose the Uniform Civil Code on Muslims. Maulana Mahmood Madani said that we need to work patiently and we need to protect Muslim Personal Law in a legal manner. He said that they were planning to organise goodwill meetings in nearly 1,000 places and create awareness among people. Those who raked up the Gyanvapi masjid issue in Varanasi and Idgah masjid issue in Mathura, they are enemies of the country. They do not want this country to progress. We will take on this campaign of hate through Constitutional means and legal process. Maulana Arshad Madani said that our battle is not against Hindus but is against the government which is setting fire in the name of religion. Maulana Madani said that Muslims did not come from outside. They belong to here. The evidence is that their appearance, dress and garments are not different from the majority community.



## Pakistan faces danger of Partition



**Siasat** (June 3) reports that former Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan has warned that if the Pakistan's establishment fails to take right decisions, the country will be split into three pieces and the Pakistani military will get destroyed. In an interview to anchor Sami Ibrahim of BOL News programme analysis, Imran Khan said that if elections are not immediately declared in the country, then civil war will break out and it will lead to the partition of the country into three pieces and the Pakistani military will get wiped out. He said that they want the present dispensation to hold elections in the country. Currently, those in power do not want elections to be held because they think that if elections are held and if any non-partisan government comes to power, then their evil designs and corruption will get exposed. This is the reason why they got into an alliance with foreign powers and conspired to remove him from power.

He admitted that when his party came to power, his government was in a minority and he needed allies. Hence we want elections to be held in the country so that people could give us a clear majority. If it doesn't happen, then I will never accept power. He alleged that his hands were tied. He has been blackmailed from everywhere. We did not have the power. Everyone knows where the power centre of Pakistan is. Hence we had to depend on that centre. However,

they were in power, but they did not have all the powers and until someone has the full powers with them, then they will not be able to get the work done by any institution. The government can do the work when power and strength is in one place.

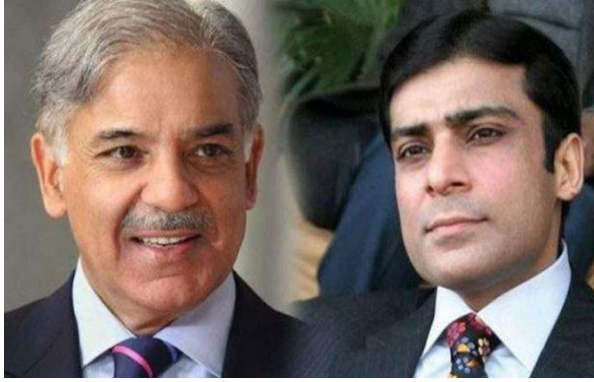
The chief of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Imran Khan, while addressing the establishments in the country, said that you call yourself strong but the people know that the power is with you and without your consent not even a leaf moves in the country. Addressing a gathering of people, he said that Soviet Union collapsed because their economic structure got broken down. Despite the Russian military being powerful, Soviet Union could not remain united. He said that those who have power in their hands, he wants to convey to them this message that the country's economy is getting ruined day by day. Inflation and unemployment are shooting up. The military, which is the power centre, will get destroyed first and nobody can stop this country from becoming bankrupt. If the country becomes bankrupt, the target of people's anger will be the Pakistani Army and the country will lose its nuclear deterrent capabilities. After this, this nation will get divided into three pieces. Even now there is time for those in power if they take right decisions. On a question related to no-confidence motion, he said that he cannot say anything in this connection. History will

never pardon us for what had happened. When the history is written, people will get to know of the reality. The institutions which had laid the foundation of Pakistan and made its strong are now digging its grave.

**Inquilab** (June 6) reports that Pakistan's interior minister Rana Sanaullah said that we have given security to Imran Khan on the orders of the court, but as soon as his bail period expires, he will be arrested.

More than 24 cases have been registered against him including for spanning riots, provoke military for rebellion and armed attack on the security forces of Pakistan. He said that such a person who is spanning separatism every day, how can he be kept outside the jail. According to knowledgeable sources, the security agencies of Pakistan have tightened security arrangements outside the residence of Imran Khan.

## Pakistan's Prime Minister and his son likely to be arrested



**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 6) reports that the anti-corruption department in Pakistan, the Federal Investigation Agency, while opposing the bail petition filed by Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and his son and chief minister of Punjab Mian Hamza Shahbaz in a money laundering case, demanded the court to grant them permission to arrest these two persons. It is to be noted that a special court in Lahore is hearing a case against them in the sugar mill scam worth 25 billion rupees. Government lawyer Farooq Bajwa has presented a supplementary chargesheet in the court against Shahbaz Sharif and his son and demanded their arrest.

Meanwhile, the lawyer of Shahbaz Sharif, Amjad Pervez, said that till now the investigation agency has not presented any document to show that any portion of this money has been credited to their private accounts. He alleged that this case was registered by the previous government due to political enmity and despite the investigating agency probing it for one-

and-a-half years, could not collect any proper documents against them. The money that has been credited to the account of Hamza Sharif was related to business transactions and it was done in a legal manner. When Imran Khan registered cases against them, the father-son duo was in jail and instead of arresting them, the investigating agency remained silent for several months. The court asked the investigating agency whether their arrest was necessary? In reply to this, the government lawyer said that it is necessary to interrogate them and it won't be possible without arresting them.

According to Geo News, the investigating agency has told the court that it wants to arrest the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister for the scam worth 25 billion rupees. Hence they sought permission from the court for the arrest. The lawyer of Hamza Shahbaz said the investigating agency had interrogated them several times in the jail. Hence there is no need to arrest them. According to Geo News, in December 2021, the FIA had accused the two of misappropriating funds to the tune of Rs 16 billion in the sugar scam and a chargesheet was filed in the court in this connection. The investigating agency has claimed that the Shahbaz family has 28 benami accounts in which billions of rupees were deposited in an illegal manner between 2008 and 2018. It is to be noted that both Shahbaz Sharif and Hamza Sharif are on bail these days.

## No-confidence motion against Boris Johnson government defeated



**Etemaad** (June 8) reports that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has managed to save his government. There was rebellion against him within his party following which a no-confidence motion was moved in the House of Commons, but the motion failed to secure enough votes. Out of the total 359 members, he received the support of 211 members. Now, his government does not face any danger for the next one year at least because as per British Parliamentary law, if a Cabinet wins the trust vote in the House of Commons, no similar motion could be brought against the government for the next one year in the House. It is to be noted that earlier in 2018, a similar no-confidence motion was moved in the House against the Theresa cabinet though she won during the voting. However, six months later, she had to resign from her post. Speaking to journalists after the defeat of the no-confidence motion in the House, Boris Johnson said that it was a very positive step. Now we will remain united, move forward and focus on the work.

During the voting on no-confidence motion, out of the 359 members present in the House, 211 members of Conservative Party voted for him, while many members from his own party rebelled against him and voted for the Opposition party.

According to Associated Press, though Johnson managed to save his chair, his position has weakened after this crisis

and there is a question mark on his future. In political circles, allegations have been raised against the Prime Minister like he had participated in several parties after violating the lockdown during the Corona pandemic. Reuters alleged that Boris Johnson and his staff organised a liquor party in the office at a time when there was stringent lockdown in the country. This way, he had openly violated the Corona rules.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak welcomed the defeat of the no-confidence motion and said that we would once again fully start working for the economic development of Britain and improve the public services. According to the media, voices of rebellion erupted against Boris Johnson from his own party. He has been accused of ignoring the interests of the British people. Whereas Boris Johnson said that he had a huge agenda for the welfare of the people. Now, we need to get united as a party and a government so that we can continue with the governance and find solutions to the problems being faced by people. Johnson said that he is not interested in holding the elections after the victory in the House. He will continue to work with the agenda for the development of the nation and the people.

Secondly, Britain's Opposition leader Sir Keir Starmer said that the government neither has any agenda nor has it got any interest in the problems being faced by the British people. He said that the Labour Party is united in tackling inflation, unemployment and winning the trust of the people. If we get an opportunity, we will give a great government for the British people. On the other hand, the rebels of the Conservative Party said that if Boris Johnson is not removed from the leadership of the party, our party will not win the next elections.



## Taliban faces biggest threat from ISIS

**Inquilab** (June 5) states that in the latest report of United Nations Security Council, it has been said that there is a possibility of civil war breaking out in Afghanistan once again. The Taliban government is facing strong opposition from Al Qaida, ISIS and the rebels active in Panjshir. It is being said in the report that ISIS and Al Qaida are limiting their activities to Afghanistan. The terrorists of these organisations have started armed clashes against Taliban. Along with this, ISIS is selectively making people belonging to Shia and Hazra communities as their target of violence. Till now, no country has given recognition to Taliban, neither has it been given financial aid. Due to this, the financial condition of the country is getting from bad to worse daily.

Taliban has imposed a total ban on poppy cultivation which is the biggest source of income for the people of Afghanistan. Due to this, there is a huge

setback for the racket involved in the smuggling of opium, cocaine and other narcotic substances. Due to this, the Afghani farmers have become opponents of Taliban. Recently, the rebels supporting Ahmad Masood have become active once again in Panjshir region. These rebels are linked to some foreign organisations which are supplying military and financial help against Taliban. Recently, they got financial and military help from some foreign sources. Nowadays, heavy fighting is on between the Masood rebels and Taliban in Panjshir region. In this report, it has also been stated that a famine-like situation is prevailing in Afghanistan currently and nearly 87 lakh people are facing starvation death. Taliban is giving importance only to the people belonging to Pashtun tribe. Due to this, there is huge dissatisfaction among various other tribes in Afghanistan, which can become an explosive situation at any point of time.

## Jihadis attack church



**Inquilab** (June 7) states that Islamic jihadis have attacked a Catholic church in Nigeria and brutally killed more than 50 people and injured hundred others. This incident took place in Ondo state. Governor of the state Rotimi Akeredolu described the attack on St Francis Church as a huge and devilish attack. He appealed to the people not to

take law into their hands. The member of Parliament from this region alleged that the terrorists kidnapped the priest of the Church and a few other Christians. President of Nigeria Mohammad Buhari has condemned the incident. Vatican condemned the attack in a statement and demanded the government to provide security to the Christians staying in the region. The correspondent of

‘D W’ in Lagos said that clashes between Muslims and Christians are increasing in Nigeria. He said that more than 50 bodies were recovered. There is a possibility of more bodies being brought. According to media reports, so far no jihadi organisation has taken the responsibility for the attack on church.

## Foreign Haj pilgrims in Saudi Arabia after a gap of two years



**Inquilab** (May 5) reports that the process of foreign Haj pilgrims coming to Saudi Arabia has started again after a gap of two years. This year, there is a possibility of 10 lakh people arriving for Haj. First the Haj pilgrims from Indonesia arrived at the airport in Medina where Saudi Arabian authorities welcomed them. This year, the Saudi government has banned the entry of Haj pilgrims who are above 65 years old. This apart, only those who have taken Corona vaccine doses have been permitted entry in the country. After Indonesia, a group of Indian Haj pilgrims has also reached Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Basharat-e-Haj has announced that all preparations have been completed with regard to Haj this year. Only those Haj yatis who have a smartphone will be permitted to enter Saudi Arabia. Using the smartphone, the pilgrims have to download an app related to Haj.

**Siasat** (June 4) reports that the Saudi government has decided to take stringent action against those who arrive for Haj without permission. If any such person is caught, he will be summarily expelled from Saudi Arabia and will not be given any kind of visa for the next 10 years. It has also been made clear that those who come for Haj pilgrimage will not get permission to stay in Saudi. Every Haj pilgrim should

conduct an RT-PCR test within 72 hours prior to entering Saudi Arabia and the report should be negative. The Saudi Airlines has made available 14 planes to bring Haj yatis to Saudi Arabia and they will operate from 15 locations across the world and will together carry out 268 flights to bring the pilgrims. This apart, domestic flights will also be used to carry Haj pilgrims. The Saudi government has made available 1,07,000 international and 12,800 domestic seats for Haj pilgrims.

**Inquilab** (June 6) reports that the Saudi government has provided a 'Route to Mecca' facility to Haj pilgrims from five nations including Pakistan. The other countries from where the Haj pilgrims have been extended this facility include Bangladesh, Malaysia, Morocco, and Indonesia. They will be able to go to Mecca directly.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 7) reports that 3,000 places have been arranged for the stay of Haj pilgrims. This time, Haj pilgrims have to stay a little far from Ka'aba. This apart, arrangements have been made for the stay of Haj pilgrims in 2,500 rooms in different hotels of Mecca. All these rooms will have international-level facilities. Apart from these hotels, if the Haj pilgrims want, they

can stay in private buildings as well. So far, 3,000 private buildings have been given the permit for the stay of Haj pilgrims. In view of the Corona pandemic, a number of health staff have also been admitted.

**Roznama Sahara** (June 6) reports that this year, more than 50,000 Indian

Muslims are likely to go for Haj. The first group of Indian Haj pilgrims, which includes 145 pilgrims, has reached Mecca. These Haj yatris are residents of Jammu and Kashmir. The Indian Haj pilgrims will leave for Saudi Arabia in special planes from June 4 to June 16. ■

## Industrial partnership between UAE, Egypt and Jordan



**Hamara Samaj** (May 31) reports that the UAE, Egypt and Jordan have signed an agreement for industrial partnership. Deputy Prime Minister of UAE, Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, was present on this occasion. As per this agreement, the three countries will jointly start development programmes in five industrial regions. They include food, agriculture, fertilizer, pharmaceutical manufacturing, paint colour, minerals and petrochemicals in these regions. The Deputy Prime Minister of UAE Sheikh Mansour said that the agreement will open a new chapter in the industrial development of the Arab countries and his country will play a major role in bringing industrial

revolution. There will be a special role in increasing the production capacity of industries linked to steel, aluminium and petrochemicals and this will lead to a 24% increase in the GDP of these countries and 21% more people will get employment. Egyptian Minister for industries and trade Dr Nevine Gamea said that due to Corona pandemic and the Russian-Ukraine crisis, it has become necessary that different Arab nations cooperate between themselves and develop their industries so that Arab world becomes self-reliant and they don't have to buy things manufactured in foreign countries. He said that the UAE will make an investment of 10 billion dollars in these projects. ■



## Permission to change Turkey's name to Turkiye



**Sahafat** (June 4) reports that the United Nations has given permission to change the name of Turkey. Now, Turkey's name has been changed to Turkiye. In a statement, a spokesperson of United Nations said that the United Nations Secretary General received a letter from Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu in which it was urged to change the Democratic Turkey's name in all documents to Turkiye. After this, the United Nations has changed Turkey's name to Turkiye. In future, this name will be used world over. According to Turkey's television channel, TRT, the people of Turkey do not like this name because it was imposed on them by foreigners. Right from the beginning, Turkey's name was Turkiye only. Hence President Erdogan has issued a decree to use this old name.

According to the television channel, Turkey had won over Antalya in West Asia in 11<sup>th</sup> century and it was also known as Turkiye. Later European nations changed its name. When the Ottoman Empire had signed an agreement with Britain in order to keep away from the First World War, the English used the word Turkey for the first time. The Ottoman Empire ended along with the declaration of independence of Turkey on October 29, 1923 and it started to be referred as Turkey instead of Turkiye. Those residing in European nations used to

sarcastically call the Turkish ethnic groups as Turks, which means Illiterate, rustic, wanderer etc. The Ottoman Empire also used to consider Turks as illiterates.

**Salar** (June 5) in its editorial has welcomed the change of name of Turkey and said that President Erdogan has ended one more remnants of slavery. Now the word Turkey will not be used from textbooks to news bulletins. However, British literary figure Shakespeare had asked what's there in a name? On the other hand, renowned Hindi litterateur Hazari Prasad Dwivedi said that name is not big just because it is a name instead it becomes great when it gets social recognition. If Turkey is feeling proud by changing its name, then let it be. Turkey President Erdogan's statement that Turkiye indicates the nation's great civilisation and history is correct.

According to Cambridge dictionary, Turkey is the name of a bird. This apart, Turkey can be used to indicate someone who is a failure in all fields. Turkey is not the first country to change its name. Burma has changed its name to Myanmar and Ceylon has changed its name to Sri Lanka long time back. Rhodesia has become Zimbabwe. Today, there would hardly be anyone who want to preserve the memories of their slavery. Even we have moved from Calcutta to Kolkata, Madras to Chennai,



Bombay to Mumbai and Bangalore to Bengaluru. The names were changed several times due to political pressure like what is happening in Uttar Pradesh or under Modi administration. Mughals have been described as looters and enemies of Hindus and the names of roads and cities named after them are being changed. Hence we need to consider all aspects before giving new names.

**Etemaad** (June 4) in its editorial, while welcoming the decision to change the name of Turkey, said that the names forcibly imposed by foreigners are being changed throughout the world. In this connection, the newspaper has mentioned about the change of Ceylon to Sri Lanka, Holland to Netherlands, Persia to Iran, Al-Andalus to Spain and Siam to Thailand and said that Turkey was earlier called Antalya which the foreigners had changed to Turkey. Now, the President of Turkey has announced the decision to use its old historical name. He said that the meaning of Turkey has been given as 'fool' in

Cambridge dictionary. Hence it is necessary to change it. The newspaper said that when the European powers signed an agreement with the Ottoman Empire after the First World War in order to break Islamic unity, the empire was divided into dozens of countries.

There is also talk that the agreement reached between Turkey and Europe will cease to exist next year after 100 long years. As a result of this, Turkey will get the right to extract oil from its region and impose tax on ships that enter its sea. This apart, Mecca and Medina are also supposed to come under its control instead of Saudi Arabia. The British, in order to weaken Muslims, created more than two dozen countries and installed their puppets in power. As per this agreement, the Hejaz region was handed over to Saudi government and declared it as the protector of Mecca and Medina. Due to this decision of Turkey, there is a possibility of tension erupting between the Saudi government and Turkey.

## Mysterious death of Iran's intelligence wing chief



**Roznama Sahara** (June 4) reports that the international channel of Iran has claimed that Ali Esmailzadeh, head of Quds Force, the intelligence wing of Iran's militia Pasdaran-e-Inqilab, has died in mysterious circumstances. It is being said that he died in a fall from the terrace of his house. It is

being said that for the past few days he has been staying away from his wife and committed suicide due to domestic issues. However, a section of media is pointing fingers at Israel's intelligence agency Mossad over his death. Israel has given a direction to all its citizens not to visit Iran or Turkey because the intelligence agencies of these nations may take revenge upon them.

It is being said that last month, a senior official of Iran's intelligence wing, Colonel Sayyad Khodai, was shot dead outside his residence by some unidentified persons. Commander of Iran's Pasdaran-e-Inqilab, Major General Hussain Salami, in a post on the official website of Pasdaran-e-Inqilab, said that Jews were behind his murder and we will take revenge on the Jews for the murder of our martyrs under any circumstance. The enemies will be chased to the White House and the streets of Tel Aviv. It is being said that

Colonel Khodai was murdered by two motorcycle-borne assailants outside his house in eastern Teheran on May 22. Before this, Mossad has murdered at least four senior-most scientists of Iran. The reason for this is that Israel is against Iran manufacturing nuclear weapons. It is due to the pressure exerted by Israel that the US has imposed a series of sanctions on Iran's nuclear development programme.

**Roznama Sahara** (May 29) reports that a senior officer, Abbas Rahanjam, was killed in Iran's Sistan province. He is said

to be a senior officer of Iran's intelligence agency. It is being said that this officer was shot dead while he was returning to his house with his family. It is to be noted that in November 2020, the chairman of Iran's nuclear commission, Mohsen Fakhrizadeh was murdered by Israel's intelligence agency Mossad. Later, the Israel government had arrested a gang of spies who were accused of passing on secret information about Israel to Iran. They included three Israelis while the rest were Iranians.

## Muslim man should marry only one woman

**Inqilab** (May 3) states that the head of the renowned Islamic educational institution Jamia Al Azhar, Sheikh Dr **Ahmed Al-Tayeb**, has given this direction that as long as the first wife of a Muslim is alive, he should not marry again because it will be a reason to commit atrocities against the wife and children. In an interview to a TV channel, he said that the verses in Islam referring to four marriages are interpreted in a wrong manner. Islam has never given permission to marry more than one woman. Shariah has also made it clear that no Muslim shall marry again without getting permission from his wife. People generally tend to ignore this clear direction in Shariah. In Islam, there is no permission to marry again if one is already married. He said that he is not describing the second marriage as 'haram' neither is he demanding a legal ban on it, but it is a fact that the rights given to Muslim men in



Shariah are being wrongly used. The Prophet had also given this clear direction that every man should give equal treatment to all his wives and children. If one is not doing it, then he has no right for a second marriage. He said that in the changed circumstances, Muslim men should properly follow the Shariah directives and should desist themselves from marrying again.

## Law for Uniform Civil Code in Uttarakhand



**Roznama Sahara** (May 23) states that Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that along with implementing

Uniform Civil Code in the state, stringent steps are being taken to bring changes in the ratio of population and impose restrictions on conversion. He said that people are coming to Uttarakhand from neighbouring states and changing the demography in an illegal manner. The government has formed a committee to implement the Uniform Civil Code. He said that a high level inquiry has been launched into the complaint received over infiltration of Rohingya Muslims in the state. He admitted that a huge number of dargahs and masjids are currently being built in the state. Such constructions are being made in such places where there are no Muslims. ■

## Jama Masjid damaged in huge storm

**Inqilab** (May 31) states that the historic Jama Masjid has suffered serious damages in the storm that took place in Delhi. The pinnacle atop the big dome fell down and along with it, several big stones also got broken and fell down, due to which many people got injured. This pinnacle was placed on top of the masjid by



Shahjahan. Following this incident, the chairman of Delhi Waqf Board Amanatullah Khan and the officials of National Trust For Art and Cultural Heritage visited the masjid. They assured that it will be repaired. The problem is that Jama Masjid is not under the control of Archaeological Survey of India and hence the government cannot legally do its

maintenance work. The Shahi Imam of Delhi Ahmad Bukhari said that during the Congress regime, the Government of India used to do the maintenance of this mosque but now the government which is in power has no interest in the maintenance of this masjid. He appealed to the people to come forward to provide money for the protection of this historical monument. ■



## Officer who placed Laden's photo in the office suspended



**Aurangabad Times** (June 3) reports that the sub-divisional officer of electricity department in Farrukhabad district in Uttar

Pradesh has been suspended for placing the photo of terrorist Osama bin Laden in his office. The name of the official who has been suspended is being given as Ravindra Prakash Gautam. District Magistrate Sanjay Kumar Singh said that it was a serious issue and hence the government took appropriate step. Meanwhile, Gautam said that he considers Osama bin Laden as his ideal. He was one of the best engineers in the world. I have many copies of his photo. Hence I will paste it again.

## Sri Lankan Muslims not to go for Haj

**Siasat** (June 3) reports that the Muslims in Sri Lanka have declared that they will not go for Haj this year due to economic crisis. The head of Haj Tour Operators Association, Rizmi Reyal said that the Muslims of Sri Lanka have

taken this decision in view of the economic crisis in the country. It is to be noted that the Saudi Arabian government had granted permission to 1,500 Muslims from Sri Lanka to arrive for Haj.

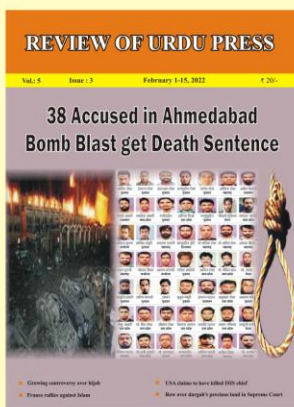
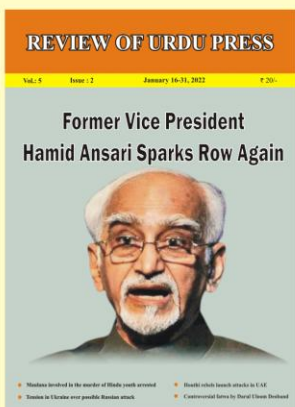
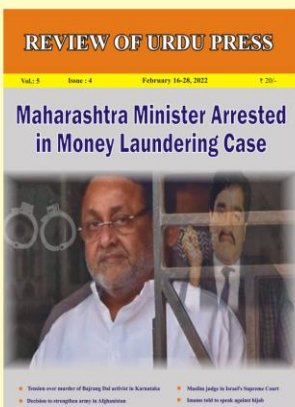
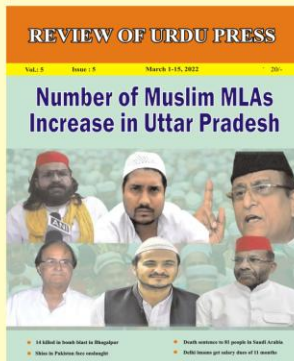
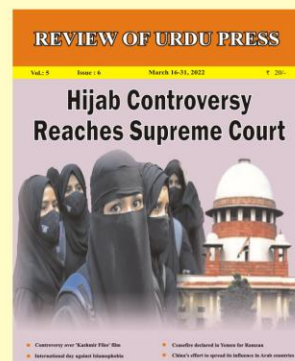
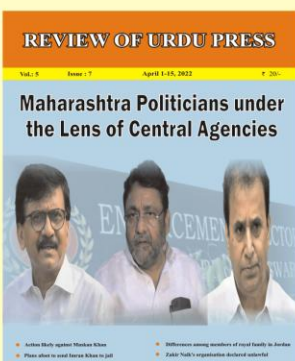
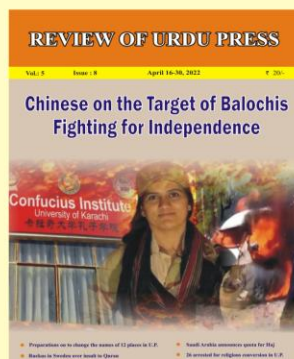
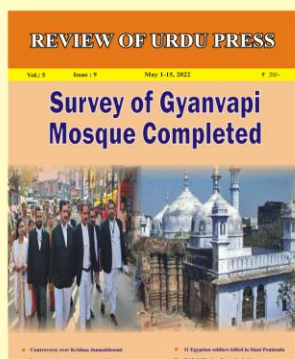
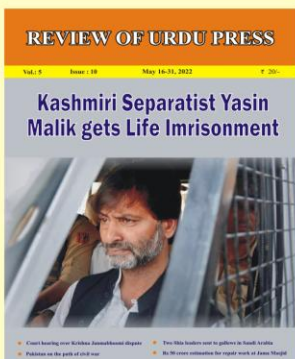
## Marriage certificate from Arya Samaj illegal



**Sahafat** (June 1) reports that the Supreme Court has declared that the marriage certificate issued by Arya Samaj as illegal. This direction was given by the Supreme Court in a case over the kidnapping and

rape of a girl from minority community in Madhya Pradesh. The family members of the girl had filed a case claiming that a boy had kidnapped their minor girl. However, the boy said that the girl is a major and she got married to him in Arya Samaj temple. The judge of the Supreme Court said that it is not the duty of Arya Samaj to issue a marriage certificate. As per another news, the Allahabad High Court had directed the administration to conduct an inquiry into the marriage certificates issued in different districts in the state. The government has received several complaints in this matter.





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