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## Summary

The hands of Islamic terrorist organisations, ISIS and Al Qaida, cannot be ruled out behind the campaign unleashed against the government of India across the world over the alleged insult to the Prophet of Islam. In this connection, it is worth mentioning that during a television channel debate over the Gyanvapi masjid issue, a fundamentalist Muslim leader, Tasleem Rahmani, made some indecent remarks against Bhagwan Shiva, and provoked over it, former spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party Nupur Sharma made some remarks on the Prophet of Islam Hazrat Mohammad and his wife Hazrat Ayesha. The interesting thing is that whatever Nupur Sharma said is a part of various recognised texts of Islam and even controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik had openly discussed it many times in the past. Despite this, some vested interests in India raised the issue of alleged insult to the Prophet and later Muslim nations caught hold of it. In view of the atmosphere, the BJP suspended Nupur Sharma from the party while another leader Naveen Jindal was expelled. However, despite all this, the storm did not subside.

The world knows that Pakistan has huge influence on the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Nations and the Gulf Council. Due to the pressure of Pakistan, these organisations launched a strong anti-India campaign. Muslims held massive protests in many cities in the country and also heavily damaged public property. Investigating agencies claimed that notorious Muslim organisation Popular Front of India (PFI), ISIS and Al Qaida are behind these protests. Provoked by this toxic environment, two Muslim terrorists brutally murdered an innocent Hindu, Kanhaiya Lal, in Udaipur and shot a video of their criminal act and made it viral on social media. It is being said that these murderers have their connections in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. The National Investigating Agency is trying to unearth the entire network. The interesting thing is that though majority of the Urdu newspapers ran a poisonous campaign against Nupur Sharma for nearly one month, not a single Urdu newspaper reported the statement of police that the accused had connections in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

A similar incident took place in Amravati in Maharashtra. Here some Muslim radicals murdered a chemist named Umesh Kolhe. Initially, Maharashtra police tried to cover up the incident by describing it as a case of loot but due to pressure from people, it was later handed over to National Investigation Agency, which arrested seven persons for murder.

The Naftali Bennett government in Israel has fallen. The alliance that constituted the government had eight parties, all ideologically opposed to each other. Due to the tussle between them, four members of Parliament resigned from their post, forcing the Naftali government to resign. Now, elections are likely to be held in Israel by the end of this year. The political uncertainty in Israel could be gauged from the fact that in the past four years, elections were held to the Parliament five times.

Finance Minister of Pakistan Miftah Ismail has admitted that Pakistan has become financially bankrupt. He blamed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's economic policies for this situation. Now Pakistan is begging for financial aid from countries like China, UAE and Saudi Arabia.

## Innocent Hindus brutally murdered on the pretext of insult to Prophet



Due to the venomous atmosphere created in the past one month by various Muslim organisations against Nupur Sharma and Naveen Kumar Jindal alleging insult to the Prophet, two Muslim terrorists brutally murdered a Hindu tailor, Kanhaiya Lal, in broad daylight in Udaipur. The interesting thing is that they right away made a video of their crime viral on social media in which they have even threatened to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to the newspaper, the investigation into this gruesome murder has been taken over by the National Investigation Agency and a Special Investigation Team of Rajasthan Police. Both the murderers were arrested by Rajasthan Police. After their interrogation, two of their acquaintances were also arrested. Their interrogation is currently on.

**Roznama Sahara** (July 4) reports that the murder of Umesh Kolhe in Amravati in Maharashtra was also due to the alleged insult to Prophet. The Central government has handed over the investigation in the incident to National Investigation Agency which arrested the mastermind behind the murder, Irfan

Sheikh. So far, seven persons were arrested in connection with this murder.

**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (June 30) reports that internet connection was cut-off in entire Rajasthan and Section 144 of CrPC was imposed throughout the state. The chief secretary had directed all divisional commissioners and police officers to remain alert. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot expressed concern over the incident and presented a cheque of Rs 21 lakh to the kin of the victim and also announced jobs to two members of his family. Rahul Gandhi said he was in a state of shock over this disgusting incident. Chief of Ittehadul Muslimeen, Asaduddin Owaisi, meanwhile, condemned this incident and described it as against Islamic tradition. However, he alleged that till now the police have not arrested 'Gusthak-e-Rasool' Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal.

**Aurangabad Times** (June 30) reports that the Muslim Personal Law Board, the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid and Owaisi have condemned this incident and appealed to Muslims not to take law into their hands. The Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid Ahmad Bukhari said that humanity





is ashamed over this incident. The manner in which two persons, Riyaz Attari and Gouse Mohammad, murdered the man called Kanhaiya Lal in the name of the Prophet, is against the tradition of Islam.

**Quami Tanzeem** (June 9) states that senior leader of Bharatiya Janata Party and Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said that Al Qaida is not a saviour of Muslims but a trouble for them, and it is killing humanity in the name of Islam. He said that one will not get the same kind of freedom being enjoyed by Muslims in the country anywhere else in the world.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 29) states that the police had said that the assailants of Kanhaiya Lal had their connections in Pakistan. According to Rajasthan's Minister of State for Home Rajendra Yadav, Mohammad Gouse had stayed in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Nepal recently. He is connected to an organisation in Karachi named Dawat-e-Islami. The National Investigation Agency is trying to unearth the network of Dawat-e-Islami across the country.

**Avadhnama** (June 30) reports that the mobs indulged in stone-pelting in various places in Rajasthan. The lawyers in Udaipur have refused to argue the case of the accused.

**Avadhnama** (June 30) in its editorial said that it was a planned murder, for which the assailants had prepared in advance. They had threatened that they would kill Kanhaiya Lal because he had put a post on social media in support of Nupur Sharma. Kanhaiya Lal had informed the police that his life was in danger. He

had kept his shop closed for several days. It is being said that the Udaipur police ignored it and instead of taking action against the accused, put pressure on Kanhaiya Lal and forced him to reach an agreement. The BJP has demanded that the accused be hanged to death.

All Urdu newspapers had highlighted the statement of Nupur Sharma during the TV debate and described it as an insult to the Prophet of Islam.

**Sahafat** (May 31) states that there was a debate during a TV show over Gyanvapi, during which a Muslim man, Tasleem Rahmani, made some indecent remarks on Hindu Devi-Devatas, and provoked over this, Nupur Sharma also said some things which were related to Prophet Mohammad and his wife. When Mohammad Zubair of Alt News web portal put this video clip on his website and posted it on twitter, a huge controversy erupted within the country and outside. An FIR was registered against Nupur Sharma in more than three dozen places and her arrest was sought. Former spokesperson of Muslim Personal Law Board Dr Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas has declared that no Muslim should take part in TV debates.

**New Indian Express** (June 8) reports that the Indian chapter of Al Qaida (AQIS) has warned that suicide attacks will be carried out in Delhi, Mumbai and Uttar Pradesh against the alleged insult to Prophet Mohammad. It is mentioned in this message that the Al Qaida will take revenge by finishing off saffron terrorists in Delhi, Mumbai and Uttar Pradesh. Neither they will be secure in their houses nor military camps will be able to save them. In this connection, Al Qaida has issued leaflet in which it has been mentioned that Muslims across the world are crying tears of blood and they will take revenge. The security agencies in the country have become alert after this threat. The notice

also mentions Gazwa-e-Hind (Islamic jihad in India) and threatened that they will bring the message of death and destruction for the rulers of India.

**Avadhnama** (June 7) states that there was severe condemnation across the world over the insult to Prophet. Sale of Indian items had been banned in super markets in Arab countries. Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) also condemned the incident. The Indian government rejected the statement of OIC, describing it as narrow minded and mischievous. The government stated that the comment of OIC was based on misunderstanding and mischief and the Indian government respects all religions.

**Avadhnama** (June 6) reports that after the huge uproar in foreign countries, the BJP has distanced itself from the objectionable statement and said the party respects all religions. Along with it, the BJP suspended Nupur Sharma and dismissed Naveen Jindal from the party. The Maldives Parliament passed a resolution condemning the incident.

**Etemaad** (June 7) reports that more than two dozen Muslim nations have condemned the incident of insult to Prophet and demanded action against the accused. Iran, Qatar and Kuwait summoned the Indian Ambassadors and brought their attention to the issue. The Indian Ambassadors said that the Indian government does not accept any insult to the honour of the Prophet and the act was of some small people and there is no need to give too much importance to it. The BJP has taken stringent action against such people. The Mufti of Oman, Azam, has appealed to Muslim nations to boycott Indian items.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 6) states that the entire Islamic world has strongly protested against the insult to Prophet. Libya has issued a fatwa to boycott India.

**Hamara Samaj** (June 7) expressed happiness that due to the pressure exerted by Arab world, a person like Modi has to kneel down. The newspaper said that for

the first time the ‘camel has come under the mountain.’

**Etemaad** (June 7) reports that the spokesperson of Taliban has demanded that the Indian government stop fanatics from insulting Islam. On the other hand, Islamic terrorist organisation Hamas said that the government should take stringent action against those who insulted the Prophet.

**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (June 7), in its editorial, while mentioning about the strong reactions from Islamic nations, said there was a huge uproar in Islamic world. The organisation of 57 Islamic nations also condemned the comments against the Prophet of Islam and demanded the United Nations to take action against India. The newspaper expressed surprise that Narendra Modi is still silent on this issue.

**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (June 8) reports that the Indian government, in a retort to Pakistan, asked them to first see what is happening with the minorities in that country. The Pakistan government is deliberating blowing up other issues in order to cover up such incidents.

**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (June 9) has published as its main news the condemnation of Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Oman, Maldives and Indonesia on the insult to Prophet.

**Sahafat** (June 4) reports that the head of Bareilvi dargah and the chairman of Ittehad Millet Council, Maulana Tauqir Raza Khan, has demanded immediate arrest of Nupur Sharma.

**Hamara Samaj** (June 12) reports that Maulana Tauqir Raza Khan has also organised a public meeting against the incident.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (May 31) reports that an FIR has been registered against ‘Gusthak-e-Rasool’ Nupur Sharma and Times Now in nine places in Maharashtra.

As per another news published in the same newspaper, Mohammad Syed Noori said that each and every Muslim will sacrifice his own head to protect the dignity of the Prophet.

**Hamara Samaj** (May 30) states that the Raza Academy in Mumbai has filed a case against Nupur Sharma and Times Now.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 7) states that the Mumbai Police has issued summons to Nupur Sharma and called her to police station. As per another report, more than 200 Muslim imams including the head of Ka'aba, Sheikh Sudais, have condemned this incident. Whereas the world's biggest Islamic University, Jamia Al-Azhar, appealed to Muslims to protest against India.

**Siasat** (June 18) reports that the US also condemned the BJP spokesperson for the insult to Prophet.

**Siasat** (June 10) reports that the India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has assured the Foreign Minister of Iran Hossein Amir-Abdollahian that the government will teach a lesson to those who insulted the honour of the Prophet so that it becomes an example.

Holding talks with the Foreign Minister of Iran, he assured that the Modi government will not tolerate any insult to the honour of the Prophet and will take stringent action against those who make such insults. The newspaper has claimed that Iran has accepted the assurances by Doval.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 11) reports that huge protests have taken place across the country against those who



insulted the Prophet. Two persons died in a firing that took place in Ranchi. Huge protests took place in Jama Masjid in Delhi and at Jamia Milia Islamia. Stone-pelting took place in Allahabad and many vehicles were set on fire. Lathicharge took place in Saharanpur and Deoband and many people were arrested. Muslims held huge protests in hundreds of place in Kashmir, Karnataka, Telangana, Bihar, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and in Maharashtra and demanded immediate arrest of those who insulted Prophet.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 6) reports that the main accused in the violence that took place in Kanpur, Hayat Zafar Hashmi, has been found to be linked to Popular Front of India. Kanpur police has arrested more than 300 people. The Popular Front has called for a hartal in West Bengal and Manipur. The surprising thing is that the same day violence was unleashed in several parts of the country in a planned manner.

## Arrest of Mohammad Zubair

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 28) reports that the Delhi Police has arrested 'Alt News' co-founder Mohammad Zubair, who has exposed the insulting comment on the Prophet on the show of Times Now journalist Navika Kumar, on charges of spreading communal hatred. It is mentioned that Mohammad Zubair is running a 'fact-checking website' in the name of Alt News. The Delhi Press Club and many other journalist organisations have condemned his arrest. Senior leader of

Congress Shashi Tharoor tweeted that the arrest of Zubair is an attack on truth. Hence he should be released immediately. 'Alt News' founder Prateek Sinha said that Delhi Police had summoned Zubair for questioning in a different case, but he was arrested on the issue of a tweet which he had made three years ago. It is to be noted that a Hindu organisation has filed a complaint against Zubair at Khairabad police station in Sitapur district in Uttar Pradesh.





**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (June 30) reports that the police have produced Zubair in a court in Patiala House and he was sent to four days in police custody. The newspaper alleged that the police have deliberately trapped Zubair in a fake case. The matter on which he was accused of tweeting, was part of a film in 1983. Till now there is no ban on this film and the Censor Boar has approved the film.

**Salar** (June 30) reports that the United Nations has condemned the arrest of Zubair and said that journalists should not be send to jail for their writings, tweet or statements. People need to have freedom of expression everywhere in the world. However, the government said that the United Nations has no right to speak on the issue.

**Hamara Samaj** (June 29) reports that strong reactions took place over the arrest of Zubair and the opposition parties got united over the issue. In his tweet, Rahul Gandhi has written that anybody who exposes the hate and lies of the BJP is a danger to the government. Chairman of

AIMIM Asaduddin Owaisi has said that the arrest of Zubair is condemnable. No action is being taken against those run campaigns against Muslims but those who expose the wrongdoings of the government are being send to jail.

In a letter to the home minister, chairman of Jamiat Ulema, Mahmood Madani, said that the action of Delhi Police is an attack on the truth and an

indication of discrimination against one particular community. The aim of 'Alt News' is to expose misinformation and present the truth. He complained that those who are spreading hatred against Muslims are roaming freely in the open and the police do not have time to arrest them.

As per a government report, the Delhi Police said that Zubair was arrested in another case regarding a tweet which he made in 2018. In this tweet, he had posted a photo titled 'Honeymoon Hotel before 2014, Hanuman Hotel after 2014.' The police claimed that this tweet has offended the sentiments of a particular community.

**Etemaad** (June 29) reports that Zubair has claimed that he has been targeted due to his religion and his profession, since he exposes the lies. During the hearing of the case, Zubair's lawyer argued that the photo used in the tweet by the accused was originally of Rishikesh Mukherji's 1983 film 'Kisi Se Na Kahna' and there is no ban on this film. However, the court rejected this argument.

## Owaisi receives a massive jolt in Bihar

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 29) reports that the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) received a massive jolt in Bihar. Its four MLAs joined Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). Earlier, all of a sudden Tejeshwi Yadav held a discussion with the four MLAs of AIMIM at the chamber of Bihar Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha, in

which the president of Majlis unit in Bihar Akhtarul Iman was not present. The four members who joined the RJD are Mohammad Izhar Asfi, Mohammad Shahnawaz Alam, Syed Ruknuddin Ahmad and Mohammad Anzar Nayeemi. Now, RJD has become the biggest party in Bihar Assembly. The number of their MLAs has





reached 80. The BJP will be second biggest party and their number of MLAs is 77. In Uttar Pradesh also, Owaisi received a massive jolt when Majlis leader Guddu Jamali left Owaisi soon after the elections. Owaisi had fielded his candidates in 100 seats in Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, with Guddu Jamali being one among those who managed to get back his deposit. Rest of the candidates could not even save their deposit. Later, Guddu Jamali joined the BSP. He contested Lok Sabha bypolls from Azamgarh, but failed to win.

**Roznama Sahara** (June 30) reports that AIMIM has been emerging stronger in Seemanchal. Earlier, late Taslimuddin was a popular leader of this region. After his death, the Muslim population of Seemanchal has been left without a leadership. Owaisi's party won five seats in Seemanchal region in the last Bihar

Assembly elections but after the party received major setbacks in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, Owaisi's leadership has now suffered a major blow in Bihar.

Commenting on the rebellion in Majlis, president of its state youth wing, Advocate Adil Hussain said the MLAs have not only given a major blow to the Muslim community of Seemanchal but have also become puppets in the hands of Tejashwi Yadav. He said that the late Shahabuddin played a major role in making RJD popular. After his death, his family has been totally forgotten. He said that had RJD been sympathetic to Muslims, then it would have made a Muslim as the Deputy Chief Minister when it was in alliance with Nitish. The Muslim community in Bihar, who got a leader in the form of Owaisi, has been stabbed in the back. ■

## Names of cities changed in Maharashtra

**Aurangabad Times** (June 30) has said that Aurangabad and Osmanabad are historical cities whose culture and civilisation have a Muslim imprint. However, due to political interests, the Chief Minister of Maha Vikas Aghadi has changed the names of these two cities just before he relinquished power. Aurangabad's name has been changed to Sambhaji Nagar and Osmanabad has been changed as Dharashiv. When this decision was taken, two ministers of Congress,

Varsha Gaikwad and Aslam Sheikh, boycotted the meeting in protest against the decision. Various Muslim organisations in Maharashtra strongly criticised this decision of Uddhav Thackeray. Earlier in 1995 also the then Shiv Sena-BJP government in Maharashtra had changed their names. This is the second time the names are changed in the past 27 years. According to legal experts, unlike the first time, this time the matter may not get



stayed in court. In 1995, when the names of both these cities were changed, a corporator of Congress, Mushtaq Ahmad, questioned it in the Supreme Court and secured a stay from there. When Shiv Sena and BJP lost power, the Vilasrao Deshmukh government cancelled the

decision of the previous government. Mushtaq Ahmad said he will once again go to the court.

President of Maharashtra unit of Samajwadi Party, Abu Asim Azmi has expressed regrets on the change of names of Aurangabad and Osmanabad and said that a government that it has been supporting all along has changed the names of these cities, which reflects a Muslim heritage. When the court scrapped the reservation for Marathas, the Muslim reservation was also scrapped along with it. In Uddhav

Thackeray's government, the Muslims are marginalised in employment. Secretary of Jamiat Ulema, Nadeem Siddiqui, has also condemned this decision of Maharashtra government and said that they will knock at the doors of the court in this connection.

## Presidential elections in the eyes of Urdu newspapers

**Dainik Siasat** (June 28) in its editorial has mentioned about the differences that have arisen among Opposition parties over the Presidential elections and said that the Opposition parties have found great difficulty in selecting their candidate right in the beginning itself. Initially discussions were held with Sharad Pawar in this connection, but when he rejected such a proposal, they established contact with former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Farooq Abdullah. When he also refused, Trinamool Congress leader Yashwant Sinha has been entrusted with the candidature. Though Yashwant Sinha is the united candidate of Opposition, his defeat is almost certain because he has not got enough numbers. However, it is worth mentioning one thing, the Opposition parties that are pulling against each other in different states of the country have come together on one platform in this issue. The victory of NDA candidate is certain because she has the support of YSR Congress in Andhra Pradesh, Biju Janata

Dal and even Bahujan Samaj Party have extended support to her. Hence one can anticipate the certain victory of Droupadi Murmu. Rahul Gandhi said that the contest is between two ideologies. Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha also agree with this line of thinking. For the next Lok Sabha elections, the Opposition parties need to start preparing now itself to take on the BJP and the ruling alliance.

**Salar** in its editorial on June 12 said that the Congress should play a major role in selecting a joint Opposition candidate in the Presidential elections. President Ram Nath Kovind has not left any major indelible mark in the history during his regime. The BJP needs to select such a candidate who will be able to elicit the votes of many Opposition parties. Till now, the tradition has been that if the President belongs to the ruling party, the Vice-President is selected from the Opposition parties but under the BJP regime, this tradition has never been followed. The newspaper also advised the BJP to select a



Governor of Jharkhand. She will be the second woman President. Nearly 17 Opposition parties have made Trinamool Congress's Yashwant Sinha as their candidate. The interesting thing is that both the candidates belong to eastern India. The people of the country do not directly participate in the presidential elections, but the President is elected by a

Muslim candidate so that it will help improve its image among Arab countries.

**Salar** in its editorial on June 20 said that the Opposition parties have failed to select a strong political leader in the Presidential elections. The manner in which differences have arisen among Opposition ranks, one thing that has become clear is that it may not be possible to form a united front against the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

**Salar** in its editorial on June 25 has welcomed the selection of Droupadi Murmu as the Presidential candidate of NDA and said that her victory is almost certain. If she wins the election for the post of the President, then she will become the first tribal woman President of the country.

**Etemaad** in its editorial on June 14, said about the Presidential elections that the BJP has an upper hand. The ruling party has 10.79 lakh votes, which is 49% of the total votes. They have a shortage of just 13,000 votes. Congress and its allied parties have 22% votes and non-Congress alliance has 29% votes. The way some Opposition parties have supported Droupadi Murmu, it is clear that she will not have any difficulty in winning.

**Salar** (June 23) said that the current President of NDA, Ram Nath Kovind, was not given one more opportunity to contest the elections. However, in his place a tribal woman, Droupadi Murmu, has been fielded who belongs to Odisha and was a former

collegium comprising members of the both the Houses of Parliament and state legislature. Till now, not a single candidate of Opposition parties has won the elections.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 21) in its editorial has expressed regrets that the Opposition parties in the country have failed to field a common candidate. The newspaper has written that though the BJP has a huge majority in the Parliament, Opposition parties have good strength in different states. From the fact that only 16 parties took part in a meeting of 22 Opposition parties convened by Mamata Banerjee, it is clear that the BJP's candidate will not face any problem in getting elected. Biju Janata Dal and YSR Congress have announced support to Droupadi Murmu.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 24) has alleged that the ruling party at the Centre has been misusing different government agencies in order to secure the win at the Presidential elections. That's reason why the Uddhav Thackeray government in Maharashtra was pulled down. Nitish Kumar would also have been targeted by Delhi, but by announcing support to Murmu, he seems to have brought peace. Mamata Banerjee has alleged that the BJP has been trying to destroy opposition parties in order to win the Presidential elections and that is the reason why the CBI and ED have been set loose against them.



## Huge destruction in Afghanistan due to earthquake



**Hamara Samaj** (June 23) reports that huge devastation took place in Afghanistan due to an earthquake and at least 1,000 people were killed and more than 2,000 injured. The magnitude of the quake has been measured at 6.1 on Richter Scale. The eastern region of the country suffered maximum damages. One could see piles of rubble and corpses strewn all around. Though the government launched relief and rescue efforts, it was not possible to bring the injured people from remote and inaccessible regions. The Taliban government said that thousands of houses were destroyed in the quake and hence there is the possibility of the toll going up further. The Taliban government has sought help from the United Nations and along with it, urged the United States to immediately release the frozen money of Afghanistan government on humanitarian basis so that the aid work would gain momentum. The Pakistan government has expressed grief over the destruction due to the quake and announced that it would extend all possible help to the people of Afghanistan. India's external affairs minister also assured all possible help to the Afghan government. It is to be noted that a similar earthquake took place in 2002 as well in which more than 2,000 people were killed.

**Roznama Sahara** (June 28) reports that the US Secretary of State had said that

the US was thinking about extending help to Afghanistan on humanitarian basis.

**Inquilab** (June 27) reports that Taliban have urged the United States to withdraw the economic sanctions imposed on the Taliban government and also immediately unblock the foreign assets of Afghan Central Bank. The foreign affairs ministry of Afghan government urged all the countries in the world to extend help in this difficult situation.

**Roznama Sahara** (July 1) reports that talks have started in Dubai between Taliban and US on the issue of returning the money of the Afghan Central Bank which the US had frozen. The foreign minister of Afghanistan, Amir Khan Muthaqui, and special envoy of US Thomas West are taking part in these talks. A representative of US government said that these talks have been initiated on the request of United Nations because the people of Afghanistan are facing famine and starvation. The US representative said that last year, after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, the US and other Western nations had frozen nearly 9 billion dollars of Afghan Central Bank. This apart, many nations stopped the aid being given to Afghanistan. A White House spokesperson said that the US has been thinking of releasing half of the seven billion dollars to Afghanistan government.



## Efforts to save Pakistan from financial bankruptcy

**Hamara Samaj** (June 9) reports that Finance Minister of Pakistan Miftah Ismail has said that Pakistan has been facing a financial crisis and the country needs 41 billion dollars in 12 months in order to overcome the crisis. If it fails to secure this money,



then Pakistan has to face a huge financial crisis. Addressing a meeting ahead of the budget, the Finance Minister of Pakistan said that next year we have to return 21 billion dollars of foreign loan and this will be possible only if we get an aid of 41 billion dollars from abroad. We hope that the foreign sources would extend help and soon we would be able to reach an agreement with IMF. He said that the current government in Pakistan has taken several steps to strengthen the country from the financial point of view. We feel helpless at the increase in the prices of petrol and diesel. Currently, we have a loss of Rs 4.5 per litre on diesel and Rs 7 per litre on petrol. If we continue with the system of providing subsidy, this would become Rs 20 billion per month. Whereas the expenses to run the administration of the country is Rs 40 billion.

He said that the previous government had assured IMF that no subsidy would be given on petrol and diesel in future. Hence the previous government increased the tax by Rs 30 per litre and also imposed a sales tax of 17%. If this agreement, which was signed during the regime of Imran Khan government, is implemented, then the prices of petrol and diesel would reach Rs 300 per litre. The Imran government signed this deal in order to trap the new government in a swamp. Now we are trying to see how to get out of this quagmire. This is the reason why we are in talks with Saudi Arabia, China and United Arab Emirates to get financial aid

and they have responded positively. He said that the Pakistani rulers have taken a loan of Rs 25,000 billion in 71 years. Whereas Imran government had taken a loan of Rs 20,000 billion in four years. This is the reason why Pakistan is facing a

huge financial crisis today.

**Roznama Sahara** (June 29) reports that in order lift Pakistan from financial crisis, the UAE has held discussions on buying shares in Pakistan's government companies. The Pakistan government also said that it is ready to appoint one director each from UAE in these companies. As per another information, China has announced a loan of 2 billion dollars to Pakistan. Pakistani newspaper Express Tribune, quoting government sources, said that the UAE government has proposed to buy 10 to 12% shares of Pakistani government companies. The Pakistan government is trying to create such a provision in its deal with the UAE government that would enable it to buy back the shares from UAE after a certain period. The UAE is buying these shares through World Fund Development Holdings.

Recently, when Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif went to UAE, he urged the government there to come forward to help Pakistan to come out of its financial crisis. Following this, a delegation of United Arab Emirates visited Pakistan and announced an immediate financial aid of 2 billion dollars which has been accepted. Sources in Pakistan government has accepted that the Pakistan government could not return a loan of 2 billion dollars under an agreement signed in 2019, due to which it was facing difficulty in getting a new loan from UAE.

**Siasat** (June 20) in its editorial has expressed hope that the financial crisis in

Pakistan would be mitigated soon. The financial action task force has threatened that it will include Pakistan in the 'Grey List.' Following a recent visit to Pakistan, they submitted a report that the Pakistan government is fulfilling the terms of the agreement that it is not extending any kind of help to terrorist organisations.

According to the newspaper, China has played a major role in creating an

atmosphere in favour of Pakistan at the United Nations. It is to be noted that the United Nations had included Pakistan in the Grey List in 2011 and had also imposed a number of restrictions on it. The Pakistan government had assured the United Nations that in future it will not extend any kind of help to any terrorist organisation. Hence there is a possibility that Pakistan may come out of the financial crisis.

## Blast in Gurdwara in Kabul

**Avadhnama** (June 19) reports that Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS carried out a blast in a Gurdwara in Kabul and killed many Sikh religious followers and injured dozens of others. It is being said that when the terrorists attacked the Gurdwara, they clashed with the Talibanis deployed there for the protection of Gurdwara, resulting in the death of three Talibani fighters. This apart, at least two Sikh religious followers were killed as per the information. One of the Sikh followers who was killed in the blast has been identified as Savindra Singh, whose family stays in Delhi. The Indian government expressed concern over the attack on the Gurdwara and said that it is keeping a close watch on the situation. Chairman of the Indian World Forum Puneet Singh Chandok said that the terrorists first attacked the Gurdwara with bombs. Later the armed terrorists entered the Gurdwara and took hostage two dozen devouts who were singing kirtans there. Later Taliban sent soldiers and freed the



hostages. Many terrorists and Afghan soldiers were killed in the clash.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 20) reports that terrorist organisation ISIS has taken responsibility for the attack on Gurdwara and said that they did this as no action was taken till now against the two spokespersons of BJP who allegedly insulted the Prophet. A spokesperson of Afghanistan's foreign affairs ministry said that the attackers initially threw a bomb at the Gurdwara, resulting in a fire break-out there. He said that ISIS is playing with the lives of innocent people in Afghanistan.

## Efforts to stop gun culture in United States receive a setback

The US government wants to strongly curb growing incidents of people opening indiscriminate fire in public places and killing innocent persons, but due to a recent decision of the Supreme Court, its efforts have suffered a huge setback.

**Roznama Sahara** (June 25) reports that in an important decision, the US Supreme Court had said that the Americans

have the right to keep weapons with them in public places for their self-defence. This decision has come at a time when the US government has been preparing an important bill to stop growing incidents of people opening indiscriminate fire in public places. All the six Conservative judges of the Supreme Court have voted in favour of this decision but three Liberal judges have

opposed it. According to news agency Associated Press, the Supreme Court has scrapped a law that prevailed in New York since 1913, as per which it was necessary to cite concrete reasons to obtain permit to carry



weapons in public places. Some people questioned this decision in court. In the recent decision, the American Supreme Court said that any kind of such restrictions would be against the basic tenets of the US Constitution which allows the US citizens to have total freedom in keeping weapons. Such a law is in force in six other states in US apart from New York. They are California, Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. It is to be noted that the US Supreme Court has a total of nine judges. They include a Chief Justice and the other judges. The judges do not have a fixed tenure. They can leave their office whenever they want. The President may appoint new judges in their place and the Senate later confirms their appointment.

As per another news, US President Joe Biden expressed dissatisfaction over this decision of the Supreme Court and said that it would help only to promote the growing gun culture in the country. He urged the citizens of the country to unite against this decision and raise their voice for gun safety since their

life is at stake. Nearly a quarter of the population is affected due to this decision.

Earlier, **Inquilab** (June 25) reported that the US Senate had given nod to the gun control bill which is an important law to stop the use of weapons. Nearly 66

members of the US Senate voted in favour of this bill whereas 33 others opposed it. Nearly 51 members of Democratic Party and 15 members of Republican Party voted in favour of it. The bill got confirmed when some people opened indiscriminate fire in New York and Texas and killed 31 innocent people. There is possibility that the new bill will be presented in the Congress for confirmation. Later, the President will give his assent and it will become a law. After the confirmation of the Bill in the Senate, US President Biden urged the Congress to pass the Bill as early as possible so that so that the killings of innocent people could be stopped in the country. This law has made the provision that before issuing licence to those who are below the age of 21 years, who purchase the weapons, a rigorous scrutiny should be held on them. This apart, a provision has also been made to recover the weapon from any person who is suspected to use the same in a wrong manner. As per this law, a person who has been convicted for any domestic violence will get any permission.

## Rebels attack camp of labourers in Balochistan

**Roznama Sahara** (June 19) reports that banned organisation United Baloch Army had attacked a camp of labourers in Harnai district in Balochistan and killed three persons while seven others have been reported missing. United Baloch Army carried out this attack to prevent a private company from constructing roads. The United Baloch Army has alleged that the Pakistan government is constructing these kinds of roads to enable the rich Punjabi men to exploit the mineral wealth of Balochistan.

A number of organisations of Balochistan have been accusing the Pakistan government for quite some time that it is depriving the local people of Balochistan its mineral wealth and instead handing them over

to the industrialists of Punjab so that the development of Balochistan does not take place and it remains a backward area.

Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo condemned this attack and said that the nefarious intentions of the terrorists will not succeed. He said that such puppet organisations are spreading violence in Balochistan at the behest of foreign powers and are stopping development programmes. Earlier also, many deadly attacks were carried out on the labourers who undertake road work in Balochistan. After these attacks, many construction work were stopped. Last year, Baloch Liberation Army had killed a dozen Chinese engineers who were constructing a dam in Balochistan.

## Israeli Parliament dissolved, fresh elections soon



**Roznama Sahara** (June 25) reports that the Israeli Parliament has voted to dissolve itself and permitted fresh elections to be held. For the first time in the history of Israel, elections to the Parliament are being held for the fifth time within four years. After the resignation of the members of the alliance of outgoing Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, the Opposition parties under the leadership of former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had been demanding the dissolution of the Parliament because the united alliance of Naftali Bennett had no majority in the Parliament. The ruling front wanted elections to be held once again in Israel, because rifts occurred in the alliance that was formed one year ago. The Knesset House Committee has approved the bill. When it was presented in the House, 53 members supported it and nobody opposed it. After the dissolution of the House, it is likely that fresh elections will be held in the first week of October or November.

**Roznama Sahara** (June 28) reports that Israel Prime Minister Naftali Bennett had announced that he would not take part in the forthcoming elections. After the dissolution of the cabinet, his spokesperson announced that on behalf of the eight-party alliance, Yair Lapid will take over as the

caretaker Prime Minister. It is to be noted that nearly a year ago, Naftali Bennett had ended the 12-year-old rule of Netanyahu. The newly appointed Prime Minister is a former journalist and is the chief of the biggest party in the alliance. He will continue to function as the caretaker Prime Minister till elections are held. According to former defence minister Benny Gantz, our government did a wonderful job in the past one year. It is a shame that the country has to face an election again.

In Israel, a parliamentary crisis has erupted at a time when US President Biden has announced his decision to visit Israel. The main aim of his visit was to form a front of Arab nations against Iran. However, the new government of Naftali has ended the regime of Netanyahu government but the new alliance of eight parties which was formed included left, liberal and Arab Muslim parties. There are major ideological differences among them. This is the reason why after the resignation of four MPs of the ruling alliance, the majority enjoyed by the ruling alliance ended. There is possibility of Netanyahu once again taking over as the prime minister.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 23) reports the US Secretary of State Anthony



Blinken said that despite the parliamentary crisis in Israel, the US President will visit Israel in July. He said that Israel is our important diplomatic partner. Along with this, our cooperation will continue in regional and international issues. The US spokesperson said that our relationship with Israel is such that it doesn't matter who is there as the President in White House or who is the Prime Minister of Israel. According to US media, Netanyahu

is likely to come back to power in Israel. He is considered as a right wing. He had a stressful relationship with Obama government. Since Netanyahu being a staunch right wing Jew, he had distanced himself away from the efforts being made in Arab world by US President Joe Biden and his Democratic Party on the Palestinian issue. Despite this, Israel had to change its policies due to the changed circumstances.

## Iraq strives to improve relationship between Iran and Saudi Arabia

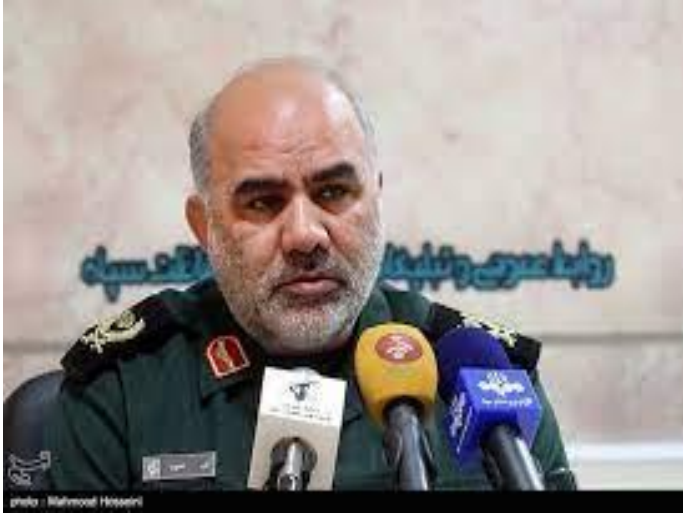


**Inqilab** (June 28) states that as according to Iran's government TV, the Prime Minister of Iraq, Mustafa Al Kadhimi, visited Saudi Arabia and met Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman and soon after left for Tehran where he held talks with Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi. Later both of them said in a joint press conference that they decided to work together to establish peace in the region. We are trying to ensure that the ongoing civil war in Yemen ends as early as possible so that peace could be established in Arab world. Earlier, welcoming the Iraqi prime minister, Iran President Ebrahim Raisi said that the two countries have centuries-old relationship. We are concerned about the civil war in Yemen. We believe that due to this war tension arose in Arab world and the people of Yemen are devastated. A starvation-like situation has come up there. Hence it is necessary to stop the civil war so that the situation becomes normal. The Prime Minister of Iraq, before his visit to Iran, visited Saudi Arabia. According to Saudi Arabia's government news agency, SPA, the discussion endorsed the need to

improve bilateral ties between the two nations and establish peace in Arab world. The visit of Kadhimi came at a time when due to the war between European country Ukraine and Russia, an effort is being made to improve its relationship with oil producing countries of Arab world. The head of the foreign policy of European Union also visited Iran recently and he said that talks would soon resume over Iran's nuclear development programme so that the deadlock could be removed. The US President is also set to visit Saudi Arabia next month.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning that there is lot of tension between Iran and Saudi Arabia in the past one decade. In 2016, when Saudi Arabia hanged renowned Shia scholar Nimr al-Nimr, huge protests erupted in Iran against it during which the Saudi Arabian embassy in Tehran was set on fire. After this, the diplomatic relationship between both the countries came to an end. It is being said that the war that has been launched by Houthi rebels in Yemen against Saudi Arabia has the support of Iran. Saudi Arabia recognises the erstwhile government in Yemen whereas Iran supports the Houthi rebels. Last year also Iraq tried to make Saudi Arabia and Iran reach an agreement but since Saudi Arabia sent 40 Shia leaders to gallows, all their efforts failed and tension erupted again between both the nations.

## Iranian General arrested on charges of spying for Israel



According to US newspaper **New York Times**, the Iranian government has arrested an important general of intelligence agency of Iran, Pasdaran-e-Inqilab, on charges of spying for Israel. The New York Times has attributed this information to the high-level sources in Iran. The newspaper stated that Major General Ali Nasiri has been secretly arrested by the military. He has been functioning as the head of the information security wing of Pasdaran-e-Inqilab, which is considered as the most sensitive and powerful wing of Iranian security strategy. It is being said that earlier the

intelligence wing of Iran had arrested dozens of employees of missile development programme of the Defence Ministry on charges of spying for Israel. After their interrogation, Major General Nasiri was arrested. It is being said that he had leaked the blueprint of missile design to Israel.

The US newspaper also claimed that the former Vice President of Iran Mohammad Ali Abtahi has accepted that the head of Iran's intelligence wing Hussain Tayeb has been removed from his posts all of a sudden because Iran's intelligence wing were unable to get any clues about Israel's intelligence strategy. He said that it is necessary to reconstitute Iranian intelligence agencies in order to face the increasing threat from Israel so as to stop Israel's infiltration into Iran's important projects. He said that the problem is that our intelligence set-up is decades old. Our strategy has so many lacunae due to which we are unable to remove the activities of foreign spies in our country.

## Efforts on to improve the relationship between Turkey and Saudi Arabia

**Roznama Sahara** (June 23) reports that the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammad Bin Salman, has recently visited Turkey in order to strengthen its relationship with Turkey. There he held lengthy talks with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The purpose of this visit was to resolve the tension that arose between the two countries following the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. According to the media, both the countries were making efforts for the past few

months to normalise the ties between them. In this connection, Erdogan even visited Saudi Arabia. The purpose of this visit is also to end the case for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi registered in Istanbul. On this occasion, he also held lengthy talks with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Crown Prince has assured the President of Turkey that Saudi Arabia will make huge investments in Turkey in order to help Turkey come out of the financial crisis.



A senior official of Turkey told 'Reuters' that they were hopeful that the relationship between the two important Islamic nations will improve shortly. He said that it is necessary for Saudi Arabia's cooperation to find a solution to the fast depleting foreign exchange reserves in the country. He said that due to the tension between the two countries, the financial crisis has deepened in Turkey. The value of Turkish currency depreciated in international market while price hike shot up in the country. There is a possibility of the two countries signing an important deal to improve industrial cooperation and increase investments. This apart, the two nations will also strengthen defence cooperation. It is to be noted that it was for the first time in the past three years that Mohammad Bin Salman has visited a Muslim nation. Earlier, he had also visited Jordan. His visit to Turkey is important in the sense that Presidential elections are likely to take place in Turkey very soon. In order to win the elections, Erdogan has to strengthen the financial condition in his country. He has to tackle rising inflation and unemployment. This cannot be done without the cooperation of Saudi Arabia.

It is to be noted that in 2018, the agents of Saudi Arabia murdered a Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul and

cut his body into several pieces. This journalist was a critique of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The President of Turkey had alleged that the hands of royal family of Saudi Arabia were behind the murder of this journalist. Later due to pressure from Arab nations, Turkey stopped the hearings in the case and transferred it to Saudi Arabia which evoked sharp reactions across the world. Human rights organisations said that Turkey has surrendered its prestige to Saudi Arabia to get some pittance.

In the past few days, the economy of Turkey has landed in a crisis and inflation rose to 70%, due to which Turkey had to take some strong steps like improving relationship with Saudi Arabia.

Commenting on the relationship between Saudi Arabia and Turkey, **Etemaad** (June 24) said that the effort to improve relationship between the two important nations of Alam-e-Islam, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, is a matter of happiness for the entire Muslim world because the financial and political balance in Middle-East has got imbalanced due to war and Corona. It is necessary for Islamic nations to cooperate with each other to find a solution to the issues of falling economy and rising inflation. The visit of Mohammad bin Salman to Turkey is

important also because in the next few days the US President is expected to visit Saudi Arabia. The tension that arise due to the murder of Saudi journalist in Turkey, after which Saudi Arabia has put a ban on trade with Turkey due to which there is a loss of 5 billion dollars. Now due to the increasing financial crisis in Turkey, President Erdogan has to hold the hands of Saudi Arabia. Turkey has also made efforts to improve its relationship with United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Israel so that it could come out of its troubles. Tension arose in the relationship between Saudi Arabia and Turkey nearly a decade ago, when Abdel Fatah Al-Sisi finished off the Muslim Brotherhood government in Egypt in 2013 and himself taking over as the President. Turkey has refused to give recognition to Al-Sisi. In Saudi Arabia and other Muslim nations which are ruled by Sultans and

Kings, if the Muslim Brotherhood emerges stronger, their kings and thrones are likely to be in trouble.

The tension between Turkey and Saudi Arabia increased further when Saudi Arabia imposed a ban on Qatar and Turkey made efforts to foil it. The two countries did not maintain diplomatic relationship between 2017 and 2021. Later, due to the efforts of Turkey, the relationship was restored. Following the murder of the Saudi journalist, Turkey had to suffer a trade setback. Hence, now Turkey is trying to improve economic cooperation with Saudi Arabia in order to restore its falling economy. The Saudi government is also trying to improve its relations with Turkey due to its increasing tension with Iran. This is the reason why the Crown Prince of Saudi recently visited Turkey.

## More than 100 people sent to gallows in three months in Iran



**Inquilab** (June 23) reports that the General Secretary of United Nations has released a report expressing concern over more and more people being send to gallows in Iran. It is said in the report that more than 100 people were hanged to death in Iran in the first three months of 2022. In 2020, nearly 260 people were given death sentence in Iran while in 2021, over 310 people were given death sentence including 14 women.

Majority of those who were given death sentence belonged to the Sunni sect.

It is to be noted that Iran is ruled by Shias. Iran has been accusing Saudi Arabia of hanging to death disgruntled Shia leaders on false charges and the reason for this is religious hatred. The United Nations, while criticising the incidents of death sentences in Iran, said that people are often sent to gallows for getting caught in offences like smuggling of drugs and other smaller incidents. In majority of the cases, the accused do not often get the opportunity to present their case in the courts and neither they were given an opportunity to appeal against the verdict in a higher court. Several youths were hanged to death in Iran, which is an open violation of the human rights of the United Nations.



Others

## Ban on film based on Hazrat Fatimah in Britain



derogatory and also organised protests in those cinema halls, where this film has been shown. The film was made by a company called Cineworld. The company said that the life of its employees are in danger from the security point of view and hence a decision has been taken to stop its release. The

**Siasat** (June 10) reports that the British government, due to pressure from Muslims, has stopped the release of a film 'The Lady of Heaven' which was based on Hazrat Fatimah. An organisation of Muslims, Muslim Council, described this film as

company said that the film was based on the life of the daughter of the Prophet, Hazrat Fatimah and no tinkering has been done with it. The woman who was playing the role of Hazrat Fatimah in the film was shown as wearing a black mask.

## Urdu and Hindi in United Nations



motion as per which permission has been granted to use Hindi and Urdu as official languages in United Nations. This apart, Portugali, Farsi and Bangla could also be used as official languages. The United Nations has six official governmental languages including Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. It is to be noted that it was former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

**Siasat** (June 12) states that the United Nations General Assembly has passed a

who had for the first time addressed the UN General Assembly in Hindi language.

## Row over Idgah land in Bengaluru

**Siasat** (June 18) reports that a new controversy has erupted over the use of an Idgah land in Karnataka capital Bengaluru. Hindu organisations Sreeram Sena, Hindu Organisation Parishad and a few others had sought permission from Bengaluru

Municipal Corporation to organise a function at the Idgah grounds. They wanted to organise Yoga Day, Independence Day and Amrit Mahotsav at the Idgah grounds situated in Chamarajpet. Their claim is that the grounds belong to municipal



corporation. On the other hand, the Karnataka Waqf Board has staked its claim

on the land. They said that it is a Waqf property and in this connection, the Supreme Court had declared it as Idgah property in a decision in 1964 and in this connection, a notification was also issued dated June 7, 1965. Hence functions related to other religions cannot be held on this property. The municipal authorities are consulting the opinion of legal experts in this connection.

## Saudi government welcomes death sentence to Islamic terrorists

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 19) reports that Saudi Arabian government has welcomed the life-term awarded to the two accused of killing former Prime Minister Rafic Hariri by a special court in Lebanon. It is being said that both the accused are linked to Shia terrorist organisation Hezbollah. It is to be noted that the special court has convicted Islamic terrorists accused of killing 22 people including former Prime Minister Rafic Hariri. At least 226 people were injured in these attacks. The special



court said that the hands of Islamic jihadi organisation called Hezbollah were behind these attacks, whose links are with Iran.

## Fine imposed on British TV channel BBC

**Mumbai Urdu News** (June 16) reports that British channel BBC has been asked to pay a compensation of 30,000 pounds as fine to Labour Party's councillor of Bangladeshi origin, Liza Begum. In one of its news, BBC had shown Liza Begum's photo in place of Apsana Begum. On October 29, 2020, a BBC representative, while displaying a photo of Liza Begum, said that she was



Apsana Begum against whom three cases of fraud had been registered. Following the telecast of this news, Liza Begum has claimed defamation against the channel. On this, the court has imposed a fine of 30,000 pounds on the channel and also directed them to deposit it with Liza Begum. Liza Begum had won the West Minister Councillor post last year.

