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Summary

Islamic terrorist organisations are rapidly spreading their network in the country. The National Investigation Agency raided several places in dozens of states and arrested some elements who were provoking violence at the behest of foreign powers and trying to implement Ghazwa-e-Hind. It's quite intriguing that despite the alertness of the government, the network of dangerous jihadi organisations like Popular Front, SDPI, Al Qaida and ISIS has spread throughout the country. The surprising thing is that the imams of different masjids, madrasa teachers and even students are part of this network. The most serious thing is that arms and ammunition are regularly smuggled from foreign sources and members of a particular community are given training in handling these weapons in secret training camps. There was a time when only Jammu Kashmir used to be known for such things, but now there is no such place in the country where these anti-national elements are not active.

It may not be in the interest of the democracy to ignore the comments made by Chief Justice of India, Justice N V Ramana, that the electronic media is doing ill-informed and agenda-driven debates by running Kangaroo courts and often brand someone as guilty with a specific purpose. It is a fact that majority of the channels present only one side during the debates. The atmosphere of hatred that is being created is definitely creating damages to the country.

It would not be proper to ignore the three incidents of murder that took place in the coastal region of Karnataka. The growing communal tension in Karnataka may have its implications in different states of south India.

The competition between Russia and US that started recently to establish dominance in the Arab world may lead to serious consequences in future. Till now, the US has dominated the Muslim nations in West Asia. It has a historical background as well. Following the First World War, the British had installed their puppets in seats of power in this region and the US reaped its benefits later. It is to the credit of the US that they used their influence and made efforts to establish Israel in the midst of Muslim nations in the region. The recent visit of US President Biden to Israel and many Arab nations was to isolate Iran and establish its dominance on Sunni nations. In order to stop the increasing influence of US, Russia has also jumped into the field for the first time. The recent visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to Iran has given sleepless nights to US and Israel. The interesting thing is that Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey, an important nation in the NATO alliance, is also siding with Russia and Iran. It is natural for members of NATO nations, members of European Union and the US to get troubled over this step of Russia.



Jihadi plans to create terror in the country foiled



Nowadays, many jihadi organisations that operate with funding from foreign countries are spreading their network in the country. Recently, when the National Investigation Agency got to know about the anti-national activities of these organisations, it conducted raids across the country and arrested several people linked to these organisations. During interrogation of the arrested persons, it got many sensitive information from them. As of now, the security agencies have destroyed the terrorist designs of these jihadi organisations in the country.

Inquilab (July 15) reports that the police chief in Patna has taken into custody dozens of people linked to Popular Front on the basis of intelligence tip-off.

Inquilab (July 17) reports that on the basis of the interrogation of those who were arrested, raids were conducted at the houses of people linked to Popular Front across the state. The raids were held in Darbhanga, Motihari and dozens of other places. An active worker of SDPI and Popular Front in Bihar, Nooruddin Zangi, was arrested from Lucknow with the help of Uttar Pradesh ATS. This man is an original resident of Urdu Bazaar in Darbhanga district in Bihar. Raids were

conducted at the houses of several suspected people in Phulwari Sharif. It is being said that the clue about this gang was received from a leaflet that was being distributed in which Muslims were being provoked in the name of Islam. A portion of this leaflet was sent in the WhatsApp of the SHO of Phulwari Sharif, Ikrar Ahmed. Later, on the basis of the statement of Ikrar Ahmed, a case was registered under various sections on June 11, 2022.

The police claim that this leaflet was published with the aim of sparking riots in the state. It is being said that despite registration of case, the police initially did not make any effort to nab the accused due to which majority of them absconded. When the news related to this issue appeared in the newspapers, the Central government handed over the responsibility to investigate the same to the National Investigation Agency due to its serious nature.

Inquilab (August 1) states that the National Investigation Agency conducted raids in six states in order to look for terrorists linked to terrorist organisation ISIS. They include Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. During the raids, several people

linked to this terrorist organisation were arrested. The spokesperson of the investigating agency refused to reveal the number of people arrested, but stated that the raids were conducted in Bhopal, Raisen, Bharuch, Surat, Navsari, Ahmedabad, Auraiya, Bhatkal, Mangaluru, Kolhapur, Nanded and Deoband.

The spokesperson said that in Deoband, a student who was taken into custody, originally belongs to Karnataka and he got connected to the ISIS through social media. The spokesperson said that most of those who were caught were linked to Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), a frontal organisation of Popular Front. More than a dozen cases have been registered against the arrested. In Gujarat, three persons have been taken into custody and their interrogation is currently on. In Nalanda, the investigation agency has taken into custody few people who were linked to Popular Front. The spokesperson said that currently an investigation is on and there is a possibility of getting sensitive information.

Inquilab (July 17) reports that the state police have arrested a few people on charges of taking part in anti-national activities in Patna. The interesting thing is that among those who were caught included two employees of the state police, who retired recently. From this, it is clear that the Popular Front has penetrated the administration of the country. Senior Superintendent of Police, Patna, Manavjit Singh Dhillon claimed that those who have been arrested were running the training camp of Popular Front in Phulwari Sharif and they instigated people to take part in anti-national activities. General secretary of Rashtriya Janata Dal, Syam Rajak, claimed that BJP was behind the efforts to claim Popular Front's link with terrorism in Phulwari Sharif. They wanted to amass the votes of the majority community in the 2024 elections by highlighting this issue.

Inquilab (July 21) reports that a team of National Investigation Agency raided a village in Dhaka police station area in Motihari and took into custody a

mufti of a madrasa, Asghar Ali, and his colleagues. After interrogation, two of them were released. The rest 10 are still in police custody. Sources in National Investigation Agency claimed that those who have been taken into custody are linked to several Islamic terrorist organisations operating in Bangladesh. The police raided the house of Asghar Ali and seized 29 objectionable books from there. This apart, two laptops were seized from the madrasa.

Qaumi Tanzeem (July 26) reports that it has been confirmed that Asghar Ali is linked to an Islamic terrorist organisation in Bangladesh. Maulana Mufti Asghar Ali is a resident of Ramgarhwa village in Motihari and he received education from an Islamic madrasa in Saharanpur. Asghar Ali used to stay at the big mosque in Dhaka town. The investigation agency has also taken into custody the Naib Imam of the masjid, Mohammad Nisar.

Mumbai Urdu News (July 25) reports that the National Investigation Agency has registered a case under UAPA in Phulwari Sharif case and arrested five persons in this connection. They included Mohammad Jallauddin and Athar Parvez, both retired from the police. The newspaper claimed that a document was also seized from this gang, titled 'India: Vision 2047,' which mentions about the campaign to set up Ghazwa-e-Hind with the help of Islamic nations.

Earlier, nearly a dozen people were arrested in Nizamabad in Telangana. The National Investigation Agency has claimed that the Popular Front has organised training camps and provided training to Muslims to handle weapons. The NIA is also probing how much money this organisation has got from foreign sources.

Roznama Sahara (July 21) reports that the National Investigation Agency raided nearly a dozen places in Jammu and Kashmir. The police arrested a few terrorists belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba and TRF and seized foreign weapons from them. The Kashmir Zone police claimed that they seized 15 pistols, 30 magazines



and 300 bullets from the arrested. As per this report, the NIA also raided several places in Thiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu and arrested several foreign citizens from these places, who are linked to banned Islamic organisations in Sri Lanka. The police claimed that illegal weapons and narcotic drugs were smuggled in from Sri Lanka to Kerala in huge quantities by smugglers. This apart, the NIA raided at least 10 places in Chennai and also taken some people into custody in this connection, and they are said to be linked to banned organisation LTTE. The investigation agency claimed that the gang has been smuggling modern weapons from Sri Lanka in order to spread violence in India.

Roznama Sahara (July 30) reports that the NIA raided more than a dozen madrasas and masjids in Assam. During the raids, 10 people were arrested, who were

said to be linked to Islamic terrorist organisation Al Qaida. The police sealed at least two madrasas, where it has been claimed that terrorists linked to Al Qaida had taken refuge. Those who were arrested in this connection namely, Asghar Ali, Abbas Ali and Mufti Mustafa, are said to be the 'ring leaders' of this gang. They were said to be the imam of the masjid. Special Director General of

Police, Assam, G P Singh, said the accused were taken into custody from Morigaon, Barpeta, Kamrup and Gopalpara. They were linked to Al Qaida and Ansarullah, Bangladesh. The police are investigating to find out the sources from where they were getting foreign funds. G P Singh said the gang was traced following the arrest of a man named Akhtar Hussain in Bengaluru. Following his interrogation, several places were raided in Assam and so far 14 people have been arrested.

Roznama Sahara (July 31) reports that the Popular Front of India was about to organise a meeting at Ambedkar Bhawan in Delhi, which the Delhi Police got cancelled. The president of Popular Front in Delhi, Parvez Ahmed, alleged that this action of police is a violation of democratic rights. This meeting was being held in the context of Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav.

Direction to return the buildings of Jauhar University

Inquilab (July 23) reports that the Yogi government has got a slap on its face on the issue of Azam Khan in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court directed the District Magistrate of Rampur to unseal the two buildings of Jauhar University and return them immediately. This apart, the Supreme Court expressed dissatisfaction over the conditions imposed by the high court while granting bail to Azam Khan. The Uttar Pradesh government had demanded in the court that a ban shall be imposed on Azam

Khan from entering Rampur, which the Supreme Court has rejected. The Supreme Court, commenting on the conditions imposed by the high court on the issue of bail to Azam Khan, said there is an increasing tendency to impose unrelated stipulations for securing bail and this is very worrying. The high court needs to refrain from imposing such conditions.

It is to be noted that the Allahabad High Court on May 10, while granting bail to the trustee of Jauhar University,



Mohammad Azam Khan, over enemy property and on the issue of forcibly taking over the land of farmers for the use of university, had directed the District Magistrate of Rampur to take over a portion of the university premises and keep them sealed in his custody till June 30 as part of bail surety. The District Magistrate of Rampur, while acting fast on the order, took over two buildings of the university in his custody and sealed them by May 18, one of which was the office of the Dean while the other was the office of the Administrative Officer. Not only this, the Rampur administration urged the custodian, enemy property, based in Mumbai, to hand over the controversial land to paramilitary organisations so that they can establish their training centre there.

The lawyer for Azam Khan alleged in the Supreme Court that the intentions of the Rampur administration were to destroy some buildings on the pretext of the directions of the high court and had directed the registrar of the university to vacate these buildings. When the lawyer of Azam Khan, Kapil Sibal, placed the matter before the bench of the Supreme Court, the court expressed surprise how the high court could impose such arbitrary conditions while granting bail. As far as this issue is

concerned, the Allahabad High Court was supposed to deliver its verdict on the bail and not any conditions for it. The Uttar Pradesh government had also urged the court to impose a ban on Azam Khan from entering Rampur for the next six months as he was an influential person and he may influence the witnesses, but the court rejected this argument.

It is to be noted that the bail application of Azam Khan was pending in Allahabad High Court for a long time and the court was not able to take any decision. Later Kapil Sibal approached the Supreme Court, on the basis of which, while issuing the notice, the court directed the Allahabad High Court to immediately take a decision on the bail.

In an article published in **Salar** (July 30), Prof Akhtarul Waze said that Muslims are very backward in education. Hence Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru had given special attention for the promotion of Aligarh University and Jamia Milia Islamia. The Sachar committee, constituted during the regime of Manmohan Singh, had also confirmed the backwardness of Muslim community. He said this is the reason why many Islamic institutions like the Anjuman Islam in Mumbai, Memon Education and Welfare Society, Azam Education Trust, Pune, All India Muslim

Education Society, Al Ameen Education Society and Anwarul Uloom College, Hyderabad have been established to provide higher education to Muslims. When the government started giving permission to establish private universities, then the Muslims set up universities like Integral Society Lucknow, Al Falah University, Dhauj (Haryana), Global University Saharanpur, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur and Al Karim

University, Katihar. Similarly, Azam Khan established Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar University in Rampur, but due to political animosity, the government did not grant recognition to this university. Later, when Aziz Qureshi became the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, he granted recognition to the university on behalf of the government. Now some people have set up hurdles in the path of this university, which is condemnable. ■

Tension over the murder of BJP leader in Karnataka



Inquilab (July 28) reports that following the murder of BJP Yuva Morcha leader Pravin Nettaru in Dakshina Kannada district, tension has gripped different parts of the state. On Tuesday night, when Pravin was returning home from his shop, some people brutally murdered him with sharp weapons.

Inquilab (July 29) reports that the government has handed over the investigation into this murder to the National Investigation Agency and it has arrested two Muslim youths in this connection and their names were stated to be Zakir and Mohammad Shafeek. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that Uttar Pradesh's 'Yogi model' will be implemented in the state in order to crush the anti-national and communal elements.

Avadhnama (July 30) reports that the atmosphere in Karnataka has become tense following the ban on hijab, boycott of Muslim traders and the killing of three youths including an activist of Bajrang Dal. The newspaper stated that after the murder of a Muslim youth, Mohammad Fazil in Surathkal in Dakshina Kannada, tension has flared up in the region. This Muslim youth was murdered on the night on July 26. The police have imposed Section 144 in the state and directed Muslims to

offer namaz inside their houses only. The police took this decision in order to stop huge protests. It is being said that when Fazil was standing outside his house, some youths stabbed him to death.

The newspaper claimed that this spiral of violent incidents started on July 20 when a gang attacked 18-year-old Masood and seriously injured him. Next day, Masood died in the hospital. The police arrested eight accused in connection with the murder. Sources of news agency IANS have said that these three murders were committed as revenge. The allegation is that the man named Pravin of BJP's Yuva Morcha, who was killed, had been trying to save the accused in the murder of Masood. The chief minister of Karnataka went to the residence of Pravin and offered condolences and handed over a cheque of

Rs 25 lakh from the government. This apart, the BJP extended a help of Rs 25 lakh to the family.

Mangaluru police commissioner N Sasi Kumar said the motive behind the murder of Fazil could not be found till now. The situation in Mangaluru district has become tense following the murder of Fazil. State minister C N Ashwath Narayan said that such murders cannot be tolerated any longer. Time has come for encounters in the state. In the coming days, we will take such steps that would ensure that nobody would dare to do such gruesome murders in future. Following the murder of Fazil, the security set up has been tightened in Mangaluru and Udupi districts and all schools and colleges have been closed. The police are strictly enforcing the law.

Siasat (July 31) reports that the Muslim Committee has announced a help of Rs 30 lakh to the families of Masood and Fazil.

Salar (July 30) in its editorial expressed concern over the murders that

took place in coastal Karnataka and said the government stand is one-sided. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure security to all citizens without any discrimination on the basis of religion or faith. The newspaper blamed the BJP government for increasing incidents of murders.

Siasat (July 30) in its editorial, while expressing concern over increasing incidents of murders in Karnataka, said that wherever Assembly elections are round the corner, the state's chief minister and his colleagues threaten Muslims in order to ensure polarisation of votes. Recently, they have given this indication that the state government would take any step to put down Muslims. Earlier, in order to harass Muslims, the government had run a campaign against hijab. Later, a campaign was run against halal meat. A concerted effort is being made to create an atmosphere of hatred in the state and tighten the grip in the power by provoking religious sentiments. No issue can be solved by threatening with encounters.

Demand to declare minor Muslim girls' nikah illegal

Mumbai Urdu News (July 24) reports that the Uttarakhand High Court has sought a reply from the Central government and the Uttarakhand government following a public interest petition. The petition has demanded that the marriage of Muslim girls below the age of 18 years shall be declared as illegal. The PIL was filed by Youth Bar Association of India. Hearing the petition, a division bench comprising Chief Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice R C Khulbe sought a reply from the Central government and the Uttarakhand government. In the petition, it has been claimed that as per the Muslim Personal Law, the marriage of Muslim girls below the age of 18 years is



valid. Hence it is the responsibility of judiciary to ensure protection to girls below the age of 18 years. The petition also claimed that marrying during under age may result in numerous health problems to the girl. This apart, marrying a girl below the age of 18 years is an offence under

POCSO Act. Hence, the marriage of girls below the age of 18 years shall be declared as illegal and legal action should be taken against those who establish physical contact with them.

Hamara Samaj (July 28) reports that the leader of Jamiat Ulema, Arshad Madani, said that some mischievous people

are interfering in Muslim Shariah law in an improper manner which is an open violation of the guarantee given to Muslims in the Constitution. He said that as per Shariah, there is no age bar for nikah. The marriage of girls who attain puberty can be solemnised and it is totally recognised in Islam.

Chief Justice condemns media trial



Roznama Sahara (July 24) reports that the Chief Justice of India, Justice N V Ramana, said the 'Kangaroo courts' run by media and 'agenda-driven' television debates are a threat to democracy. The Chief Justice was delivering his speech at the Judicial Academy in Ranchi. He said that media trial influences the independence and fair functioning of judiciary. It becomes difficult to arrive at a fair judgment due to media trial. A campaign is unleashed against the judges through media, especially social media. Due to this, even experienced judges find it difficult to take a decision. He said that the biased views being propagated by media are affecting the people, weakening democracy, and harming the judicial system. He said that

the print media retains some accountability even today. However, the electronic media has zero accountability. Many a times, in media, especially in social media, a campaign is unleashed against judges. Hence it is necessary to create a code of conduct for media and fix responsibility for the same.

Roznama Sahara, in a news item published on July 29, stated that during the hearing of a case in the Supreme Court, Justice D Y Chandrachud made strong comments against the media and said that there is a limit to which even judges could be targeted. He made this comment over the media report about judges refusing to hear certain cases. One lawyer in a particular case has made this demand that

the violence and attacks against Christians shall be included in the list. On this, Chandrachud said that he had read a news in this connection that this issue was not included in the list of hearings. Justice Chandrachud said that he became a victim of Covid and hence this case was halted. There is a limit for targeting the judges. It is to be noted that in this connection a petition has been filed on behalf of Bishop Dr Peter Machado from Bengaluru, in which it has been stated that there is a huge increase in incidents of violence and attacks against Christian missionaries and their institutions. He demanded from the court to give a direction to the state governments to give protection for Christian missionaries and Christian institutions.

Hamara Samaj (July 25) in its editorial has supported the comments by the Chief Justice of India on the functioning of media and said that earlier also the chief justice had commented on the media functioning, but this time his comments were a little harsh. Kangaroo court is a reference to those fake courts run by some individuals, trade union or any other institution. The newspaper stated that the manner in which some debates are being organised on social media and television with some particular purpose results in social tension which is not in the interest of democracy.

Inquilab (July 24) in its editorial said that till now the Chief Justice of India, Justice N V Ramana, through various decisions, comments and statements, has criticised the current state of affairs in the country. His comments were blunt. In the past few days also, whatever he said, has been said without hiding anything. In the latest comments also, while targeting the irresponsible attitude of the media, he said that the media is running kangaroo courts and they come out with arbitrary conclusions, due to which the judges are

facing difficulty in taking decisions. The chief justice said that the stand of the media is a partisan one and roll out news as part of a concerted agenda. It doesn't provide any information. This comment reveals the sentiments of those people who are fed up with the media in the country. It is another story that their number is not as much as it ought to be. Even today there are very few people in this country who have the courage to clearly tell the media and channels that if they continue with this false narrative, then they would boycott them and get information from other sources.

The newspaper said that in the past few years, the way the media has adopted a partisan stand, they have lost their respect in the hearts of people. Till recently, it was believed that those connected to the profession of journalism have a better understanding of the truth and they deliver them, but today they are being understood as someone who mostly speak lies. There are three categories of people who do like this. The first are those who, due to the necessity of job, are forced to keep themselves away from the fundamentals of journalism. The second are those who have happily adopted this policy and whatever instructions they got about the objectivity in journalism, those have been thrown into the rivers, so that instead of suffering losses, they get more and more benefits. This is just opportunism, which reaps benefits for some time, but these people will neither have any respect, nor there will be any increase in their popularity. The third category are those journalists who stick to the fairness despite being in adverse circumstances. They are also called names. Difficulties are created for them, but they do not compromise on their principles. These are those people who uphold the dignity of journalism in the current age and face all kinds of troubles in order to save democracy.

World Bank refuses to extend loan to Sri Lanka



Inquilab (August 31) reports that the World Bank has refused to extend a loan to Sri Lanka and said that unless the country, which is on the way to become bankrupt, takes some concrete steps to improve its tottering economy, the World Bank will not extend any kind of aid to it. It is to be noted that currently Sri Lanka is in a financial crisis and its 2.25 crore citizens are facing food, fuel shortages and rising inflation.

Since it has defaulted on the 51 billion dollar external debt, Sri Lanka was described as bankrupt in April, after which massive protests took place against the government. Following this, the then President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had to resign from his post.

The World Bank said that though it sympathises with the difficulties being faced by the people of Sri Lanka, it will not extend any kind of financial aid to the country until the government there improves its economy. On seeing the financial crisis in Sri Lanka, the World Bank said that Sri Lanka could use 16 crore dollars on medicines, kitchen gas and food for children from its loan. Currently, the government of Sri Lanka is holding talks with officials of International Monetary Fund on the steps to come out of financial crisis. Sri Lanka doesn't have enough foreign exchange reserves to

purchase essential items from abroad. Due to this, there is massive anger among the public.

The world food programme under United Nations estimates that nearly 85% people in Sri Lanka are facing starvation due to this crisis. Seeing the public anger, a large number of protesters had surrounded the Presidential Palace in the middle of this month. Later, former President Rajapakse fled to Maldives even before submitting his resignation and from there he went to Singapore. Currently, the President's post is taken over by Ranil Wickremesinghe and he has declared a state of Emergency in the country.

Inquilab (July 27) reports that the country's healthcare system has completely collapsed and there are neither any doctors, nor any medicines in hospitals. As per another report, Sri Lanka has urged China to immediately grant an aid worth 4 billion dollars in order to tide over the present financial crisis. This apart, Sri Lanka also urged China to make investments and extend cooperation in tourism and trade.

Inquilab (July 22) reports that the new President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, took oath amid raging protests. He was sworn in the Parliament by Sri Lanka's Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya. It is to be noted that

Wickremesinghe has been chosen by the MPs as Acting President. The protesters, however, refused to obey the new President and said that he was partially responsible for the current financial situation in the country.

Leader of Inter University Student Federation Wasantha Kumara Mudalige said that Ranil Wickremesinghe's election was not done by the people, and hence they will not accept him as their President.

15 lakh Afghan citizens in Pakistan

Roznama Sahara (July 27) reports that the largest number of Afghan refugees currently stay in Pakistan. Their number is stated to be around 15 lakh. As per a United Nations report on refugees, in the beginning of last year, 12,52,800 Afghan citizens were staying as registered refugees in Pakistan and nearly 1,19,700 non-registered Afghan citizens were camping in Pakistan, awaiting registration. As per a government estimate, from August 2021 till late, over 2.5 lakh Afghan citizens have taken refuge in Pakistan. Nearly 9,18,900 people from Myanmar have taken refuge in Bangladesh. On the other hand, Iran is in

the third position. Nearly 8 lakh Afghan refugees have taken shelter there. In China, more than 3 lakh foreign citizens have taken shelter as refugees. Most of them are Vietnamese citizens. As per a government report, nearly 27 lakh Afghan refugees have taken shelter in 98 countries across the world as of now. This apart, due to insecurity and civil war, nearly 44 lakh people have become homeless in seven countries in South East Asia. Among such homeless people, majority are Afghan citizens and their number is stated to be 35 lakh. In the second position are Myanmar citizens, who are stated to be 7,70,000.

Four supporters of democracy get death sentence in Myanmar

Roznama Sahara (July 26) reports that the military junta in Myanmar has hanged to death four activists who were demanding democracy in the country on charges of taking part in terrorist activities. According to British news agency 'Reuters,' it is after so many years that somebody was hanged to death in Myanmar. According to the news agency, the hearing in the case against the four were held in closed doors and they were accused of providing help to militia which is fighting the military in the country.

It is to be noted that last year, the military in Myanmar overthrew the democratically elected government and captured power and ever since it has unleashed a nation-wide campaign to crush its opponents. The United Nations has condemned the hanging and described it as



a disgusting attempt to suppress democracy. According to the newspaper 'Global New Light,' those who were given death sentence were said to be supporters of Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Those who were hanged included the chief of the human rights organisation Ko Jimmy and former lawyer Phyo Zeya Thaw. The

two others who were hanged to death were Hla Myo Aung and Aung Thura Zaw.

When the news agency telephoned military authorities for confirmation on the death sentence, officials did not even pick the call. According to organisations that support democracy, the military has killed more than 1,100 people so far in order to capture power in the country. On the other hand, the military junta claims that this account is not believable. Rejecting this claim of the military government,

Association of Political Prisoners claimed that it has the complete list of those supporters of democracy who were shot dead and their close relatives have confirmed their killings by the military. This organisation claimed that after 1980, no citizen was ever hanged to death in Myanmar. Amnesty International has claimed that in order stop its citizens from fleeing the country, the military has set up land mines on the borders, in which several people were killed.

Bangladesh seeks 4.5 billion USD aid from IMF

Inquilab (July 28) reports that in order to overcome the energy crisis arising out of the war between Ukraine and Russia, Bangladesh has sought help from International Monetary Fund. According to Bangladesh government, due to non-availability of diesel and gas, power cut ranging from 13 hours to 15 hours had to be imposed across the country, due to which the citizens are facing lot of hardships. Bangladesh has directed lakhs of mosques spread all over the country not to use air conditioners during the time of namaz, because due to the shortage of foreign currency, the government is not able to purchase enough gas and diesel from foreign countries, due



to which a huge cut had to be imposed on electricity generation. A senior official of Bangladesh's finance ministry said that they had sought an aid of 4.5 billion dollars from International Monetary Fund in order to tackle the financial crisis. He said that due to shortage of diesel, all diesel power plants have been closed. This apart, a huge cut in production has been imposed in plants that run on gas. Also, due to the recent floods in the country, nearly 70 lakh people have become homeless and damages to the tune of 10 billion dollars took place. Bangladesh's opposition party, Bangladesh Nationalist Party, said the present crisis was due to the wrong economic policy of the government.

North Korea threatens nuclear attack on the US

Roznama Sahara (July 29) reports that President of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, has threatened that if the US and South Korea continue with their offensive steps against North Korea, then it will not hesitate to use nuclear weapons. According to government media, Kim Jong Un has alleged that the US and South Korea wanted to destroy North Korea. Our military is fully prepared to deal with any kind of situation and we will also use

nuclear weapons. He said that the military exercise launched recently on the borders of North Korea by the US and South Korea has led to the threat of war, and hence it is necessary that we strengthen ourselves from the military point of view so that we could face any kind of threat from these two nations. It is to be noted that North Korea has recently tested missiles that can carry nuclear warhead, which are capable of targeting both South Korea and the US.

Competition between the US and Russia to dominate Arab world



A huge competition is on between the US and Russia to set foot in the Arab world. Recently, US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin visited many Arab countries. Their efforts were to include as many Arab nations as possible in their respective groups.

Roznama Sahara (July 20) reports that Turkey's President Erdogan and Russian President Putin visited Tehran to take part in an important meeting. It is being said that in this meeting, talks were held with different sides in order to stop the civil war and establish peace in Syria. It is to be noted that Iran and Syria are both Shia-majority nations. According to newspapers, Russia is organising a seventh summit with the purpose of creating a new block along with Iran and Turkey. In this meeting, the presidents of Iran and Turkey took part along with the Russian President. It is to be noted that after the war that broke out between Russia and Ukraine, Iran is taking a special interest in improving its relationship with Russia.

Roznama Sahara (July 18) reports that US President Biden recently visited Saudi Arabia and many other Arab nations and also took part in the high-level meeting of Gulf Cooperation Council held at Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. In this meeting, Jordan,

Egypt, Iraq and the US took part. It was hosted by Saudi Arabia. After the talks, these nations called for a special attention in improving defence cooperation in view of terrorist organisations, missiles and military tension. According to Israeli media, the decision taken by Biden to extend technical and financial help to Israel to design and develop a Laser Air Defence System was aimed at apprising Saudi Arabia about the growing threat from Iran. Along with it, the decision taken by Saudi Arabia to open its air space for Israeli planes is also considered as an important step in this direction.

Hamara Samaj (July 17) reports that a joint statement issued by Saudi Arabia and the US has expressed the wish to take all necessary steps to extend help to Afghanistan against terrorism and crack down on Iran. In this connection, 18 agreements were also signed between US and Saudi Arabia.

Mumbai Urdu News (July 16) reports that Saudi Arabian Ambassador to US, Princess Reema, described the visit of US President to Saudi as an important step and said that the US and Saudi Arabia have been trying to defeat Soviet Communists right from the beginning. Both these countries have done wonderful jobs in

tackling Iran's increasing influence and expel Saddam Hussain from Kuwait and recently to exterminate Al Qaida and Islamic State. She said that a new chapter will be opened in the relations between the US and Saudi Arabia.

Siasat (July 20) in its editorial, while mentioning about the visit of US President to West Asia, said that the US wants to improve the relationship between Israel and Sunni Arab countries in order to contain the growing nuclear power of Iran. The newspaper blamed that the US President did not make any comments about Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian region. The newspaper criticised that the US had always ignored the interests of Muslims and supported Israel. In Saudi Arabia, Biden held talks with Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman. CIA had alleged that Mohammad bin Salman had ordered the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018. Initially, US was in favour of getting the murderers of the journalist punished, but later changed view point. During his visit, Biden has made it clear that the US would not leave West Asia. The US will not vacate space for China and Iran. The US policy is to make Arab nations stand against Iran and in this connection, it is taking the help of Iraq as well.

Salar (July 22) has welcomed the improving relationship between US and Saudi Arabia and said that this would lead to a new chapter in the relationship between the two countries. Iran has been urged not to interfere in the internal affairs of the nations of this region. Mohammad bin Salman described that peace in Iraq is a necessity for the entire region and expressed hope that the problems in Syria and Libya would be solved. In the Jeddah conference, Iraq Prime Minister Mustafa Al Kadhimi, Shah Abdullah of Jordan, Egypt



President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, Oman Prime Minister Haitham bin Tariq, the King of Bahrain, the Emir of Qatar, national president of United Arab Emirates and the Crown Prince of Kuwait took part in this meeting and also held detailed talks with the President of US on issues of mutual interests.

Roznama Sahara (July 23) stated that after creating a ruckus with the US, NATO and European Union in the Europe, Russia has now started making preparations to open a new front in West Asia. Nearly a week before the recent visit of US President to Saudi Arabia and other Sunni Muslim countries, the Russian President paid a visit to the most important country in this region namely Iran, and during that time the President of another important nation, Turkey, Tayyip Erdogan, was also present. In this connection, it is necessary to mention that Turkey is also a member of NATO, a military alliance formed by the US. Apart from European and Western nations, Turkey also maintains harmony with Russia. Russia is trying to increase its dominance over Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. In the talks held recently between these three nations, the possibility of finding a solution to the Syrian issue has also increased. The US has deployed its military in Syria. On the other hand, Iran and Russia are supporting the President of Syria, Bashar al Assad. Russia is making efforts to end the civil war still raging in Syria.

In this connection, a meeting was organised at Kazakhstan capital Noor Sultan recently on behalf of Russia. Turkey is facing the rebellion of separatist organisations of Kurds for a long time now. This is the reason why Turkey has launched an indiscriminate military action in Syria. The US had offered to form a frontline army there, which was rejected by Russia, Iran and Turkey. Russia has offered

support to end the sanctions imposed on Iran by the Western nations. Recently, defence experts from Russia visited the military stations of Iran and there is a possibility that Russia will try to strengthen Iran from the military point of view. Whether the international politics will take a new turn due to the competition between Russia and US over Arab Muslim nations cannot be predicted as of now.

Israel gets ready to attack Iran

Mumbai Urdu News (July 19) reports that Israeli chief of defence forces, Aviv Kochavi, has declared that Israel is getting ready to launch an attack on Iran, so that they could be stopped from developing nuclear bomb. He said that they were gathering strength and the Israeli military is making full preparations to launch an attack on Iran. He said that a military operation against Iranian nuclear programme is necessary for the protection of Israel. Different plans are being made for this purpose. Items are being collected and weapons are being made available for it. The intelligence set up is being activated in order to keep a tab on the intentions of Iran and its preparations. Along with this, Israeli soldiers are being given training for the attack.



Earlier, the Israeli Prime Minister had clearly told US President Joe Biden that they were against any kind of nuclear deal with Iran and that Israel is totally free to take any kind of step against Iran's nuclear programme. On the other hand, Biden visited Israel last week and he said that use of force against Iran would be the

last option. The demand raised by Iran to remove its militia, Pasdaran-e-Inqilab, from the black list has been rejected by the US.

Avadhnama (July 20) reports that the Navy chief of Iranian militia Pasdaran-e-Inqilab said that if Israel makes any effort to attack Iran, then it would be totally destroyed. Admiral Alireza Thanghiri said that if the enemy takes any wrong step or enters into any conspiracy against Islam, then they will destroy the centres of all such conspiracies. The countries of Persian Gulf know how to defend themselves and we do not need the cooperation of any foreign power for our protection. We know how to protect ourselves and we are in a position to destroy our enemies.

Nine tourists dead in Turkish attack in Iraq

Etemaad (July 22) reports that the Iraq government had alleged that Turkey had targeted a village in the mountainous region of Khurdistan using guns and nine of its citizens were killed in this attack,

who were all tourists. According to Arab News, the government media in Iraq, while releasing a report on the attack, said that those killed included two innocent children who were roaming around in a park in a

village in Jakho district in Iraq. The Prime Minister of Iraq strongly condemned this attack by Turkey and said that it is an open violation of Iraq's sovereignty by Turkey's military. The damages that occurred to Iraqi citizens due to this attack will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Iraq is capable of doing a counter attack and it reserves its right to all military steps to protect its citizens and repulse such attacks.



The Iraq Prime Minister sent a high-level delegation under the leadership of External Affairs Minister Fawad Hussain to investigate the incident and assess the situation in the villages that became the target of Turkey's attack. On the other hand, Turkey has refuted the possibility of its hands behind the attack and appealed to the Iraqi media not to rush in with this kind of allegations. Iraq's government television

channel has confirmed that nine persons were killed while 23 others were injured, who have been admitted to hospitals for treatment. The Iraq government said that during summer, hundreds of Iraqi tourists visit the Khurdish mountain region in south Iraq due to the cold climate there. The defence ministry of Iraq said the attack by Turkey is totally against international rules and we would not tolerate this under any circumstance.

Israeli intelligence gang busted in Iran



Etemaad (July 25) reports that Iran has claimed that it has busted a gang linked to Israel's intelligence agency Mossad. This gang has been making plans to carry out terrorist activities in Iran at the behest of Israel. According to Iran's government television channel, this Israeli terrorist gang infiltrated into Iran from a Khurd majority

region in a neighbouring country. However, Iran has not named the country from where these spies entered Iran. The Khurd minority people are present both in Turkey and Iraq. In Iraq, the Khurd militia has been running an armed struggle against the Iraq government for a long time now, in which hundreds of people have been killed so far. According to Irani

television channel, nearly two dozen terrorists of this gang have been arrested and weapons manufactured in Israel and explosive substances and other items were seized from them in large quantity. The television channel claimed that the plan made by Israel to explode a large number

of bombs in Iran and play with the blood of innocent citizens was foiled by Iran's security agencies.

It is to be noted that last month, Iran's government news agency Irna had claimed that three persons linked to Israel's intelligence agency were arrested from Sistan region, who were planning to

murder some top nuclear scientists of Iran. Earlier, Israel's Mossad had killed three top nuclear scientists of Iran. Last month, an explosion took place in a reactor near Tehran in which a number of scientists were killed. Iranian militia Pasdaran-e-Inqilab had stated that it was a foreign handiwork.

Uproar over Israeli journalist's entry to Mecca

Roznama Sahara (July 22) reports that recently an incident took place in Saudi Arabia, which created a furore in the entire Muslim world. A Jewish journalist, throwing to winds the Saudi law, entered Mecca and made a documentary about a number of Islamic



holy places and made it viral. Israel's News Channel 13 has carried a report, as per which the Israeli journalist not only entered Mecca, but also went to holy places like Ka'ba and Jebel-ur-Rahmah and made a documentary about them and made it viral.

It is to be noted that as per Saudi law, non-Muslims cannot go beyond 80 kilometres from the border of Mecca and Medina. This law is in place for many centuries. One documentary, which is broadcast on television, shows one Saudi guide along with Israeli journalist Gil Tamari. However, in order to hide his identity, his face was blurred. This incident has evoked sharp reactions from Muslims across the world and they described it as an insult to Islam.

Meanwhile, the Israeli TV channel has described this documentary as an important journalistic achievement but a clarification had also been given that if the broadcast causes mental agony to anyone, then it apologises for the same. However, a minister of Israel has described it as silly and irresponsible activity. The guilty

journalist, while seeking apology for the incident, said that if anyone feels this video to be improper, then he apologises for the same. The aim of the documentary was to highlight the greatness of Mecca and Ka'aba. He also said that he never wanted to hurt the

religious sentiments of any Muslim. It was just his own journalistic effort. Saudi blogger Mohammad Saud has condemned this incident and addressing Israelis, said that a reporter of yours had sneaked into the most holy city of Muslims, Ka'aba, and made a documentary of it. Every Israeli should feel ashamed for insulting Islam.

Roznama Sahara (July 26) reports that one Saudi citizen has been arrested for helping the Israeli journalist enter Mecca. Till now, the Saudi government has kept his identity a secret and his interrogation is still on. According to news agency AP, though every Muslim has the right to enter the most holy place of Muslims namely Mecca and Ka'aba, any Muslim cannot go beyond 80 kilometres from the borders of Ka'aba and Medina. This journalist had not only captured Ka'aba on camera, but also made a documentary of the place where Hazrat Mohammad gave his last Khutbah nearly 1,400 years ago. The Jewish journalist has claimed that he is the first non-Muslim in thousands of years who has entered Ka'aba and Mecca.

Decision to change Aurangabad's name questioned in high court



Aurangabad Times (July 28) reports that the decision of the Maharashtra government to change the name of Aurangabad to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, has been questioned in Bombay High Court by three residents of Aurangabad. In the petition, it has been stated that the decision taken by former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to change the names of Aurangabad and

Osmanabad just before his resignation was a violation of the Constitution and it was part of a political conspiracy to remove the identity of Muslims. In the petition, it has also been claimed that the cabinet meeting that was held despite having no majority was unconstitutional and all the decisions taken during it were illegal. Hence this decision of the state government shall be cancelled immediately.

Demand to reconstitute Haj committee

Hamara Samaj (July 20) reports that the chairman of Uttar Pradesh Haj Committee, Hafiz Naushad Ahmed Azmi, while making serious charges against the Central Haj Committee and former minister for minority affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, demanded that the government should immediately reconstitute the All India Haj Committee. He alleged that as per the rule of Haj Committee of India, all the 19 members of the committee have the right to take part in the election and exercise their franchise, but the former Union minister has conducted the elections



in an illegal manner with only eight members of the Haj Committee, which is illegal. He alleged that Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has deliberately stopped departure of

planes for Haj from seven places and also scrapped many facilities extended to Haj pilgrims, the continuation of which are necessary for the interests of Hajis.

He said that as per rule, there should be a system of giving training to all Hajis before their departure for Haj and this apart, the insurance scheme for Haj should also continue. He said that while other neighbouring countries have reduced the

expenses of Haj pilgrims, India has increased the cost for undertaking Haj. In Mecca, there are three types of accommodation for Haj pilgrims, which have been cancelled. Hence, now the expenses on the accommodation for Haj pilgrims have gone up. He demanded that the control of Haj Committee shall be handed over back to the external affairs ministry.

Controversy over demolition of madrasa in Amroha

Mumbai Urdu News (July 28) has alleged that a madrasa in a village in Amroha was illegally demolished on the basis of a complaint by some non-Muslims. On the other hand, the district administration said this madrasa was constructed in an illegal manner on government land. The manager of the madrasa, Ishak Ahmad, while refuting the claim of the government, said the land on which the madrasa was built

was his ancestral land. SDM Sudhir Kumar said this madrasa was built without any permission from the government. Initially, it used to be place where cattle were tied but later it was converted as a madrasa. When the revenue department conducted an inquiry, the government records confirmed that this madrasa was built on gram sabha land in an illegal manner.

Muslims win on BJP ticket in Madhya Pradesh

Mumbai Urdu News (July 31) reports that 92 Muslim candidates won on BJP ticket in the municipal elections in Madhya Pradesh. This time, BJP had given tickets to 380 Muslims and fielded them in the elections. The Muslims who contested on BJP tickets defeated Hindu candidates of Congress in at least 25 wards. Spokesperson of BJP in Madhya Pradesh, Hitesh Vajpayee, said that from these election results it has become clear that the BJP's popularity has increased among all sections of the society.

The BJP has fielded Muslims and they emerged victorious.

Commenting on the news, **Mumbai Urdu News** in its editorial claimed that this claim of BJP is a political gimmick. In the past also, many leaders like Sikandar Bakht to Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi had won on BJP ticket, but they did not take any steps for the welfare of the community. This news also raises this question whether the Muslims are getting scared and taking shelter in BJP.


Bail to convict who was awarded life-term

Hamara Samaj (July 16) reports that the Bombay High Court has directed that Bilal Ahmad Abdul Razak, who was awarded life-term by a lower court in the Aurangabad arms case, shall be granted bail. Bilal Ahmad is in jail for the past 14 years. He was arrested under MCOCA Act and he was accused of illegally

possessing weapons. The bail petition was sought by Jamiat Ulema on behalf of Bilal Ahmad. The secretary of the defence committee of Jamiat, Gulzar Azmi, has claimed that the Jamiat will continue to fight for bail for those Muslims who have been trapped in fake cases by the government.

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