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Summary

Majority of the Urdu newspapers have given Prime Minister Narendra Modi the credit for the successful organisation of G-20 Summit in Delhi and expressed the opinion that due to the successful diplomacy of Narendra Modi, the conflict between Russia and the US over Ukraine has been averted. Some Urdu newspapers were of the opinion that the largescale spending on the meeting was unnecessary. Some newspapers had written that in the forthcoming elections, the Modi government will attempt to capitalise on the success of this meeting. However, some newspapers have also mentioned that the Indian government stopped the US President Joe Biden from holding a press conference in Delhi and he had to go to Vietnam and issue a statement in this connection. Joe Biden said that he had held discussions with Prime Minister Modi regarding human rights and on press freedom. One Urdu newspaper wrote that what was Prime Minister Modi afraid of that he had to stop the US President from facing the press.

The Allahabad High Court has rejected the petition of a manager of a madrasa in Azamgarh which sought to stop the action based on an ATS report over fake madrasas. It is to be noted that out of the nearly 300 madrasas in Azamgarh, 219 were found to be fake and their existence was only on paper. The interesting thing is that these fake madrasas were regularly receiving government funds with the connivance of some corrupt officials of Uttar Pradesh minorities welfare department. When this issue was investigated, the scam came to light. The ATS has recommended registration of FIR against some 375 accused, which the state government has accepted. Following this, in order to escape from the legal tangles, the managers of some madrasas knocked at the doors of the high court. However, their efforts did not succeed.

The Egyptian government has stopped students from wearing Niqab in schools. The interesting thing is that Mufti-e-Azam of Al Azhar, the biggest religious educational institute in Islamic world, has also extended support to this ban and said that it was in accordance with Shariah. Not only this, even in Saudi Arabia also the fundamentalist Islamic atmosphere is rapidly changing now. The Saudi government has announced that from the next academic session onwards, provisions will be made to impart music education. It is to be noted that in Islam, music is considered as haram. On the other hand, the Taliban government in Afghanistan has arrested six persons on charges of staging a music programme and were given public lashing as punishment.

China is increasingly spreading its network in Muslim nations. China has become the first nation in the world to grant recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan and appoint its Ambassador in Kabul. Along with it, China has started the exploration of mineral resources in Afghanistan. The Chinese experts have found huge deposits of oil, gold, copper etc in Afghanistan. The effort of China is to ensure that Afghanistan emerges as an oil-producing nation and then it could fulfil its energy needs from the oil in Afghanistan. Currently, China is dependent on Russia to meet its energy needs. Earlier, China had made successful investments of its money in the Middle East nations. Due to its efforts, two old enemy nations like Saudi Arabia and Iran have come closer.

G-20 Summit meeting in the eyes of Urdu newspapers



Majority of Urdu newspapers have welcomed the G-20 Summit meeting held in Delhi and said that it was a big achievement for the country. These newspapers have also claimed that due to the organisation of the summit, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as an important leader in the world.

Roznama Sahara (September 12) has published a special editorial by Abdul Majid Nizami on its front page in which it has been stated that G-20 is a group of economically important nations in the world. It was established in 1999. The process for expanding its membership is also on. Recently, African Union has been included as its 21st member. The biggest success of this meeting was the special focus given to the joint declaration even if the conference did not yield any concrete results. In fact, such words have been used which are soothing to the ears. This could be clearly assumed from the statement issued on the Russia-Ukraine war. This apart, efforts were made to conceal the world's basic economic problems and the

questions that come before it in a maze of words. Due to the efforts of India, strong words were not used against Russia in the joint declaration and this was also mentioned by Russian foreign minister during a meeting with Narendra Modi. The second success of G-20 Summit seems to be that by extending membership to African Union, a message has been sent across that the voice of 'global south' needs to be strengthened at all platforms in the world so that the developing world shall also present their problems in comparison to developed world and solutions shall be found. Another achievement of G-20 is that the world got the slogan of 'One family, one future' from here.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 9) in its editorial said that during the summit, it was Modi and Modi all along. Even the photos of leaders from different countries were not seen. It was to the extent that even the photo of US President Biden was not there. The meeting has been organised to entertain Modi bhakts. In order to decorate and beautify Delhi, billions of rupees were

spent. This money was spent from the pockets of people. Neither Prime Minister Modi spent money from his pocket, nor Adani or Ambani made the payments. May be this is public participation. Delhi remained totally closed for three days and the people remained inside their homes. The way jhuggi-jhopdis were removed in order to beautify Delhi and wherever they were not removed, curtains were used to conceal them and that is also understood as public participation.

Those who stay in jhuggi-jhopdis were forced to vacate their houses. Delhi has been beautified so that foreign heads of state could see it and feel that Modi is a world leader and Bharat is a Vishwa Guru. The Vishwa Guru doesn't want the world to see its poverty.

Taasir (September 11) in its editorial said that India could make significant contribution for the establishment of peace in the world. By assuming the chairmanship of G-20, India has shown a new path to the world. It is also to the credit of Prime Minister Modi that all nations easily agreed on the joint declaration. It is the biggest achievement of Bharat. The entire world believes that during the two-day event of G-20 summit, Narendra Modi has wisely made the world leaders agree to the joint declaration.

Siasat (September 10) in its editorial has accepted that the organisation of G-20 summit was a great achievement for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the meeting, the leadership role of India had come to the fore. This is a victory of Modi government's diplomacy and acceptance of Hindustan's progress. After several decades of independence, the world has accepted the policy that India has adopted on global issues. This is a big victory for Bharat and Narendra Modi.

Awadhnama (September 12) in its editorial has congratulated Indian government, especially Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for the successful organisation of G-20 Summit and said that due to this, Bharat has emerged as an



important nation in the world platform and the world believes Modi to be an iron man. In this meeting, the credit for the consensus that has been expressed on the Russia-Ukraine war could be given to the successful diplomacy of Narendra Modi.

Etemaad (September 9) in its editorial has expressed concern that the Modi government will use the success of G-20 Summit meeting as an election issue in the forthcoming polls and will try to take political benefit out of it.

Awadhnama (September 10) in its editorial said the success of the G-20 Summit and the landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the southern pole of Moon could be termed as successes of Modi government. In the coming years, Prime Minister Modi has vowed to make Bharat as the world's third largest economic power. This cannot be termed as just a 'jumla baazi'. The governments may come and go. But seeing the situation that has emerged now, one could say with full confidence that Bharat will become the powerhouse of world economy in the coming years.

Etemaad (September 11) in its editorial, while describing the G-20 Summit meeting as a success, said the crown of the success will rest on the head of Modi only. Ahead of the general elections in the country, no stone will be left unturned to highlight this meeting which was held in Delhi at the behest of the BJP government. World's top leaders arrived at the invitation of Modi. A mandap has been constructed for the meeting by spending Rs 2,700 crore. As per an estimate, the government has spent approximately Rs 10,000 crore for organising this meeting and in order to



The newspaper said we fail to understand why the Modi government was so reluctant in allowing Joe Biden to talk to the media in Bharat. After all, what was Prime Minister Modi afraid of? Its direct meaning is that Prime Minister may make claims about press freedom and human rights, but he is not ready to face the press on these issues. The entire world knows why he is

scared of them. The truth is that here the throat of press freedom has been cut. Coming to the issue of human rights, how can you even overlook the violence in Manipur and in Mewat? Unconstitutional methods were used to stop the protests in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh during the farmers' protest and CAA-NRC in Shaheen Bagh. Interference has been made in the religious and academic affairs of Muslims. The rights of Dalits, backward classes and Adivasis have been infringed.

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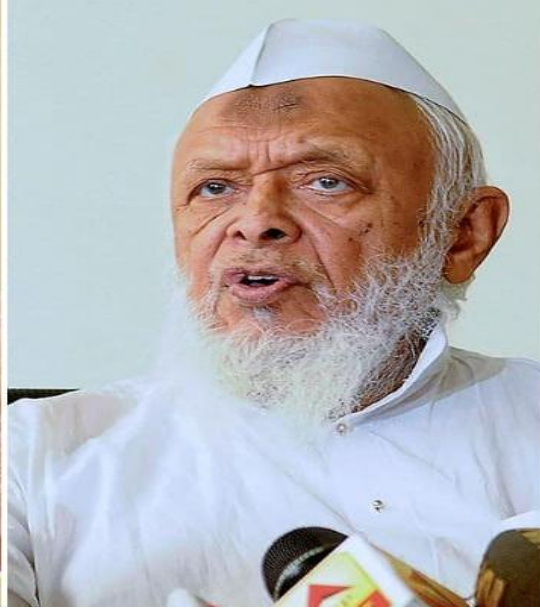
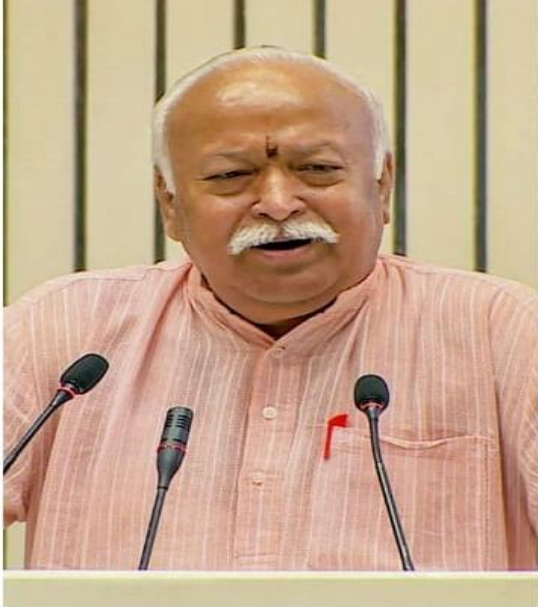
Mumbai Urdu News (September 12) in its editorial said though US President Joe Biden was not allowed by the Modi government to speak his mind at the G-20 Summit meeting, he spoke whatever he wanted after reaching Vietnam. The effort of the US President was to address a joint press conference with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and if that was not possible, then he wanted to address the media on his own. However, he was neither allowed to speak on his own, nor given an opportunity to address a joint press conference. Joe Biden said in Vietnam that he raised the issues of human rights and freedom of press with Narendra Modi.

Hindustan Express (September 12) in its editorial has congratulated the Modi government over the success of the G-20 Summit and said Bharat has emerged as an important nation in the world. Due to this meeting, the entire world is applauding Bharat.

Arshad Madani objects to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's statement

Inquilab (September 4) states that Jamiat Ulema chief Arshad Madani has expressed strong displeasure over the atmosphere of hatred being created in the country and for making Muslims the target of mass retaliation in places like Nuh in Haryana and said the RSS has gone back on its promise to promote the sentiments of peace, friendship and love between Hindus and Muslims in Hindustan. He said that some time ago he held talks with Mohan Bhagwat in order to resolve the misconceptions spread in the country and

over the growing hatred, but the Sangh is not holding on to it anymore. He said it is clear from the statement of RSS leaders that they do not want communal harmony. They are deliberately creating controversies. He said we totally disagree with the recent statement of Mohan Bhagwat that every individual who reside in Hindustan is a Hindu. Madani, while welcoming the alliance of the Opposition INDIA, said there should be a change in the politics in order to remove the atmosphere of hatred in the country. If the



Opposition parties do not get united, they will cease to exist. The communal elements must be defeated at the national level in the same way they were defeated in Karnataka. He handed over a cheque of Rs 40 lakh to 200 street vendors in Mewat who were affected by the riots. Madani said that Jamiat Ulema has been way ahead in providing help and relief work right from the beginning. We have never done this work in the name of religion, but had done it on the basis of humanity. We are especially aware of the problems being faced by Muslims. This is the reason why we extend help to those affected by communal riots and legal aid to those who were caught on fake charges of terrorism. He said the real reason for Nuh violence is that the police and the administration did not do their work honestly. Due to the policy of the government, the feeling of communalism and hatred have increased in the country.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 2) reports that the chief of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Mohan Bhagwat said that Hindustan is a Hindu Rashtra and all those who reside in this country are Hindus. Majority of the population of the country agree with him. However, some people do not accept this truth and refuse to accept it. But the truth is that Hindustan is a Hindu Rashtra. Sangh chief Mohan

Bhagwat said this during the inauguration of new office of Narakesari Prakashan in Nagpur. Mohan Bhagwat said some people do not accept Bharat as a Hindu Rashtra due to their vested interests. This is a Hindu land with Hindu culture, to which everybody is linked to. From the philosophical point of view, every Bharatiya is a Hindu and the meaning of Hindu is Bharatiya. All those who stay in Bharat are linked to Hindu culture, Hindu ancestry and the Hindu land. There is nothing beyond this. Mohan Bhagwat also stressed on focusing Swadeshi and discipline. He said the reporting of media must be based on facts and should be fair. However, along with it they should keep their ideology intact. On this occasion, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari were also present on the dais. Nitin Gadkari said the audience like those media, which, despite being part of one ideology, carries along everybody with it.

Urdu Times (September 8) reports that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat said that reservation is necessary to get rid of discrimination in the society. We neglected our own fellow beings in the society and didn't care about them. This has happened continuously for almost 2,000 years. We need to bring them to our level. For this, credible steps need to be taken. Reservation

is one such important step. This should continue until unity is established in the society and everybody becomes equal. Sangh extends full support to the reservation given in the Constitution. This is because due to reservation not only financial and political equality is created, there is an increase in respect as well.



According to the newspaper, this statement of Sangh chief is also important in the sense that currently an agitation is on in Maharashtra seeking reservation for Marathas. Recently, the police lathicharged the protesters in Jalna who were seeking reservation, due to which the Eknath Shinde government in the state had to face strong criticism and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had to tender an apology. In such a situation, this statement of Mohan Bhagwat makes the stand of Sangh clear on the issue of reservation.

According to this newspaper, former chief minister of Bihar Lalu Yadav, while targeting the BJP and RSS, said the BJP is a hypocritical party and Mohan Bhagwat is an opponent of reservation from his heart. Commenting on the statement of Sangh chief on the issue of reservation, he said that Sangh is against providing reservation to Dalits and backwards right from the beginning and if anybody has any doubt about it, then they should read Guru Golwalkar's book 'Bunch of Thoughts.'

Siasat (September 3) states that the chief of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has appealed to the people of the country that they use the name 'Bharat' instead of 'India.' From time immemorial, the name of this country is Bharat, not India. Hence we have to use its ancient name. No matter the language, the name remains the same. We have to call our nation as Bharat and have to make the world understand about it. Mohan Bhagwat was addressing a programme of Sakal Jain Samaj. He said

that Bharat is a Hindu Rashtra and all Bharatiyas are Hindus. Every Bharatiya represents Hindutva. The ancestors of all those who reside in Bharat today were Hindus and their culture was Hindu.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 6) states that the Sah Sarkaryavah of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Dr Krishna Gopal, while speaking about women empowerment at the 'Nari Shakti Sangham' held in Delhi University, said many evils arose in Indian society following the Islamic attacks. In the middle ages, in order to save women and children from the hands of invaders, some restrictions were imposed. Those were difficult times. Temples were being destroyed. Big universities were razed and Hindu women were specifically being targeted by heretic invaders. Lakhs of Hindu women were kidnapped and sold in markets throughout the world. Whether it was Ahmad Shah Abdali, Muhammad Ghorri or Mahmud Ghazni, all of them targeted Bharatiya women. In order to save women from the invaders, they were stopped from being sent to school or gurukuls. That is why women remained uneducated. He also claimed that child marriage started because girls were not safe from the attacks of foreign invaders. In the beginning, there were no traditions like 'Sati' in our country. Later, in order to save themselves from the clutches of invaders, the women, in an effort to protect their chastity, started the tradition of Jauhar and the women started sacrificing their life by setting themselves on fire. A ban was

imposed on the marriage of widows. Now the atmosphere is changing. Women are coming to the fore in all fields.

Hamara Samaj (September 6) in its editorial, while supporting the statement of Maulana Arshad Madani, said that Maulana Madani has said it bluntly that the RSS leader now doesn't want social harmony. The Maulana has described the statement of Mohan Bhagwat about every Hindustani being a Hindu as utter nonsense and said that every Hindustani is not a Hindu, instead it is Hindi. It is possible that after reading his statement, many Muslims may also feel that the Maulana has not said anything new about RSS. Every citizen in this country knows that it is the RSS that gives water and manure to the crop of Hindu-Muslim hatred in the country. However, despite all this, Maulana Arshad Madani held talks with the RSS chief in the past days. Later, a joint statement of these two leaders were also released.

The newspaper said this clarification of Maulana is important in the sense that the initiative for talks with RSS was started by the head of the historical and an old organisation of Muslims, whose entire family was active in the freedom movement and his father served jail sentence in Kaala Pani. He had never sought apology from the British. The Maulana must have felt that it is due to the sacrifice of his family that the nation got independence and the country got a secular Constitution. But now, people who want to change this secular Constitution has come to power and they are slowly ending this common heritage. That is why Maulana took the initiative of holding talks with Mohan Bhagwat, who is the guide and thinker of the ruling BJP, regarding Muslims and the replies of Mohan Bhagwat were also positive. However, despite this, the assurance given by the Sangh chief was not fulfilled. The Sangh leader has been spewing the poison of hatred against Muslims. In such a situation, this statement



of Maulana was necessary so that the Godi media do not mislead Muslims in the country using their meeting as an excuse. Indeed, it is Maulana Arshad Madani or Mahmood Madani or three or four Ulemas like them who present the picture of Indian Muslims to the world.

These days, it has become an obsession for the present government to mislead the poor people of the country that it is going to become a super power. This apart, the government also claims before the world that Bharat is a heaven for the minorities. Whereas the truth is that the naked dance of hatred that took place under government patronage in the past 10 years was something that never happened before. The ruling party has been conspiring to keep Muslims away from electoral politics in a very thoughtful manner. Muslims are subjected to mob lynching on the pretext of false patriotic slogans. It has gone to the extent that now slogans are being raised for economic boycott of Muslims and a strong campaign has been unleashed to destroy the houses and shops of Muslims using bulldozers. Whatever is happening is quite scary. Hence it is necessary that the present government at the Centre should be removed in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 4) in its editorial said that Mohan Bhagwat believes that if a lie is said again and again people will start thinking that it is true. The truth is that Hindustan was never a Hindu Rashtra before and nor it is now. Neither it has become a Hindu Rashtra after Partition and nor it will become a Hindu Rashtra in



coming days despite lakhs of efforts by Sangh. The Constitution of this country is secular and democratic. Every person in this country has the full freedom to follow the religion and faith of his choice. But the supporters of Manuvaad do not like this. This is because this Constitution has stopped them from implementing the untouchability and the caste system. Hence they see this dream of converting this nation into a Hindu Rashtra and impose the rule of Manuvaad once again, trampling and enslaving the Dalits, backwards and minorities. It is the RSS headed by Mohan Bhagwat which dreams about it and displays the same.

According to the newspaper, the entire thoughts about Hindu Rashtra has been credited to RSS and to Savarkar who had provided ideological basis to the organisation. The RSS has started seeing the dream of converting Hindustan into Hindu Rashtra in 1925 itself. However, this was not possible at that time. This is because secular ideology had the majority

among the country's leadership and the Muslims were not weak like today. But today the situation has changed. This time the saffron gang holds sway over the country. The communal elements have penetrated in huge numbers even those parties which are understood to be secular. Talking about Muslim leadership, it has been finished with a full plan and it is almost like wiped out now.

The newspaper said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his lieutenant Amit Shah had said clearly that if they win the 2024 elections, the nation will be made a Hindu Rashtra and now Mohan Bhagwat is roaming in the country holding the flag of the same Hindu Rashtra. The earlier obstacles in the path of this flag no longer exist now.

Hence Sangh Parivar is now convinced that Hindustan will become Hindu Rashtra. Hence this slogan has also raised that 'Modi hai to mumkin hai'. But in the present times it is not easy to make the nation a Hindu Rashtra. This is because an alliance of Opposition parties is standing before the Sangh and the BJP as a question in the form of INDIA. The present ruler believes in 'One Nation, One Election, One Religion, One National Language and One National Culture.' If, unfortunately, the dream of Hindu Rashtra is realised, then they will call any person of any religion as a Hindu. This is because the current rulers believe only in one religion.

Action against fake madrasas in Uttar Pradesh

Inquilab (September 11) states that the Allahabad High Court has refused to stay the investigation into fake madrasas. This decision of the Allahabad High Court has dealt a severe blow to six officials of Uttar Pradesh welfare department and to the employees and managers of 219 madrasas in Azamgarh. It is to be noted that the managing committees of many madrasas including Madrasa Anjuman Siddiquia

Jamia Noorul Uloom filed a petition before the Allahabad High Court and demanded that the report of the Uttar Pradesh government shall be rejected and the investigation into the fake madrasas be stopped.

It is to be noted that on a complaint of running fake madrasas in Azamgarh, the Uttar Pradesh government had formed an SIT to probe the same in 2017, and the



investigation report has revealed that out of the 313 madrasas, 219 madrasas do not exist and they are just on paper. It was also found during investigation that these fake madrasas were also paid the grants under modernisation for madrasas. The SIT had presented its report on November 30, 2022 before the committee constituted under the chairmanship of Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary. In the report it had been recommended that cases shall be registered against those running fake madrasas and officials of Uttar Pradesh minorities madrasa board who were providing them with funds. In the investigation report, it had been recommended to register criminal cases against six officials of Uttar Pradesh minorities welfare department, managers of 219 madrasas and 110 teachers apart from cancelling the recognition given to them. It has been recommended to register cases against these officials.

This apart, three employees deployed at Azamgarh district minorities welfare department have also been found guilty. It has been said in the investigation report that these officials, violating government directives and the laws of madrasa board, have not only granted recognition to these madrasas but also provided them with government grants. This apart, all the records of the madrasas have been made to disappear. In the investigation report, it has been recommended to register cases against the managers of 219 madrasas and 110 teachers under sections 409, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code. The managers of the madrasas questioned this

investigation report in the high court and contended that during the investigation they were not given the opportunity to present their part. Hence it is totally unfair to take action against the accused on the basis of one-sided investigation report, they said. The high court has rejected this contention.

Inquilab (September 8) reports that Uttar Pradesh Madrasa Education Board has decided that new madrasas will be given

permission only when the teachers who teach there are trained. Currently, teachers in majority of the madrasas are not trained ones. Hence the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up training centres for the teachers of madrasas where they will be trained under a two-year Madrasa Teacher Training Course at the level of BEd. The chairman of the madrasa board said that currently majority of the teachers in the more than 1,500 madrasas in Uttar Pradesh are not trained. However, some people have done courses from Urdu institutions but those are not recognised by the government. According to government sources, in order to give training to the teachers of madrasas, training centres will be opened in 30 districts.

According to the chairman of Uttar Pradesh Madarsa Education Board, Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Javed, last year the Uttar Pradesh government had done a survey and 8,500 madrasas were found to be as per prescribed standards. This apart, it had also been found in the survey that there were 240 such madrasas, where the number of students was even less than 30. The madrasa board, while issuing notices to these madrasas, directed them to fix the errors and implement the prescribed rules. If they fail to do so, their recognition will be cancelled.

As per another news, students will be taught Sanskrit also along with Arabic in madrasas in Uttarakhand which are currently functioning. For this, nearly 117 madrasas that come under the board will be modernised and NCERT syllabus will be



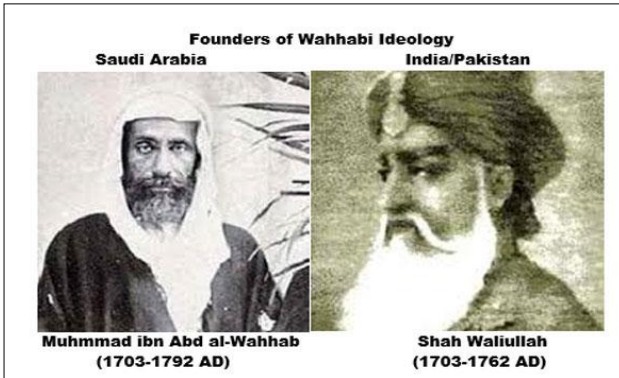
implemented there where Sanskrit is also included as a subject. Chairman of Uttarakhand Waqf Board, Shadab Shams, said that a dress code has also been implemented for the students of these madrasas. The Waqf Board has decided to modernise four madrasas which include the madrasas in Muslim colony in Dehradun, the Rahmaniya Madrasa in Roorkee, the Jama Masjid madrasa in Ramnagar and the Rahmaniya Madrasa in Khatima. In these madrasas, all modern equipment like computer, LED screen and internet facility are being provided. The government's aim

is that Muslim students also become doctor, engineer and administrator.

Urdu Times (September 15) in its editorial said that teaching of Sanskrit in madrasas is a good thing. However, if it is forcefully imposed on madrasas, it will be wrong. Recently, it has also been threatened at the behest of government that if those madrasas

which run on government grants refuse to teach Sanskrit, then their grants will be stopped. The newspaper said that Muslims are deliberately being harassed. Initially, the madrasas were investigated on the basis of the survey and since they haven't got any success, they are now targeting the syllabus of these madrasas. Now, madrasas are being targeted on the basis of language. It looks like the government is imposing Hindu culture on Muslims. The newspaper has suggested that the government should implement teaching of Arabic in Hindi medium schools also.

Campaign to glorify Shah Waliullah Dehlawi



Roznama Sahara (August 18) reports that recently the 269th Urs of Imam Shah Waliullah Dehlawi was celebrated under the chairmanship of Maulana Mohammad Asad Ahmad. On this occasion, floral tributes were paid on his maqbara located behind Irwin Hospital in Delhi and Quran was recited. Maulana Farah Ahmad Tariq threw light on his life. He said that earlier, this Urs used to be celebrated. After Partition, that system ended. Now it has once again been started by Mufti-e-Azam

Mohammad Musharaf Ahmad. On this occasion, the Sajjadanashin of several dargahs and Muslim leaders were present. One week after this, for the first time, the Urs of his father Shah Abdur Rahim has also started.

Shah Waliullah is considered as the founder of Wahabi tradition in Bharat. It is being said that he was the classmate of Al-Wahab in Medina, who was the founder of the Wahabi tradition. He is the same person who invited the ruler of Afghanistan Ahmad Shah Abdali to attack Bharat. In a letter, Shah Waliullah had written that the Kafirs had come to power in Bharat and the existence of Islam is in danger. Hence in order save Islam, Abdali should attack Bharat. Shah Waliullah was indicating about the Maratha power that was rapidly emerging in the political landscape of Bharat that time.

It is to be noted that on the invitation of Shah Waliullah, Ahmed Shah Abdali

started the series of attacks on Bharat. He attacked Bharat seven times. In 1761, in the third battle of Panipat, he clashed with Maratha commander-in-chief Sadashivrao Bhau and Maratha Peshwa Balaji Bajirao's son Vishwas Rao. In this connection, it is worth mentioning that due to the efforts of Shah Waliullah, all the Muslim rulers of north Bharat got united to wipe out the Kafir Marathas. Whereas Rajputs and Jats had totally refused to support Marathas. The Sikhs had extended strong support to Ahmad Shah Abdali. The King of Patiala Ala Singh was given the position of Nawab

by Abdali in return for his support. In the fields of Panipat, the dream of establishment of Hindu Padpadashahi got destroyed. In this war, more than 1.5 lakh Maratha soldiers were killed. Ahmad Shah Abdali destroyed all the temples of Mathura and Vrindavan and nearly 1 lakh Hindus were slaughtered. When Abdali returned from India, he took away more than one lakh Indian women and girls as slaves, who were auctioned throughout the world. The surprising thing is that now a campaign has been started again to glorify people like Shah Waliullah.

Ban on the programme of Tablighi Jamaat in Varanasi

Mumbai Urdu News (September 5) has alleged that the Varanasi police has banned people belonging to Tablighi Jamaat from entering Varanasi. On August 27, the police took away some members of Tablighi Jamaat who were staying in some madrasas of the city and they were sent to railway station. They were also asked not to enter Varanasi in future. The police commissioner issued a notice to the imams and mutawwalis of different madrasas in the city and instructed them that they should not organise any programme of Tablighi Jamaat in their religious places in future. National president of Azad Adhikar Sena, Amitabh Thakur, has complained against this action of the police to the human rights commission. The Samajwadi Party, while posting a video on Twitter, said the BJP has got distraught on seeing their possible defeat in the Ghosi byelection and they are harassing the imams staying in madrasas and masjids.



It is to be noted that the Tablighi Jamaat was in news during the Corona pandemic as well and hundreds of its members were arrested from different cities of the country on charges of spreading the pandemic. Tablighi Jamaat was established

in 1926 by Maulana Ilyas Kandhlavi. Its headquarters is located at Banglawali Masjid in Nizamuddin colony in Delhi. According to sources in Jamaat, the Tablighi Jamaat has branches in 110 nations in the world and the number of its followers are said to be nearly 20 crore.

According to the newspaper, on August 27, it was Ijtema of Tablighi Jamaat at Bhoj Baba Masjid in Varanasi. The police had imposed a ban on the ijtema and people belonging to the Jamaat were caught and deported from Varanasi. The Varanasi police had issued a notice to the imams and mutawwalis of all masjids in which it had instructed that there should not be any programme of Jamaatis in their masjids. General Secretary of Masjid Anjuman Islamia Committee S M Yasin said that the Varanasi police raided several masjids and

caught people belonging to Tablighi Jamaat and directed them to leave Uttar Pradesh.

Inquilab (September 4) has claimed that due to this action of police, there is lot of anger among the Muslims in Uttar Pradesh. Varanasi's Mufti Maulana Abdul Batin Noman has condemned the action of police and said that it was unconstitutional.

Inquilab (September 7) reports that Muslim Personal Law Board has condemned the action against Tablighi

Jamaat in Varanasi. Spokesperson of the board, Dr Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas said that Tablighi Jamaat has nothing to do with politics. It is purely a religious organisation, which promotes and propagates Islam. There is no ban on it in the country. Despite this, the police did not allow it to organise its programme. This is dictatorship and action should be taken against the guilty officials of Uttar Pradesh government.

Beginning of new era of cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia



Inquilab (September 12) states that a meeting of India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council took place in Delhi in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman took part. The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia had arrived in Delhi to take part in the G-20 Summit meeting held in the national capital. This council was set up in 2019. Narendra Modi has described Saudi Arabia as one of the most important strategic partner and said that the mutual cooperation between two big and rapidly growing economic powers of the world is necessary for peace and stability in the entire region. Prime Minister Modi also said that his talks with the Saudi Crown Prince proved to be very beneficial and hoped that there would be an increase in the trade between the two nations. There will be new strength and direction in our relationship and we will continue to work together for the welfare of the humanity.

While mentioning about the economic corridor between Bharat, Europe and Middle-East, he described it as a historic one and said that due to it not only Bharat and Saudi Arabia will get linked, but will also speed up the economic cooperation between Asia, West Asia and Europe and will also help gain momentum in the development of energy. Earlier, Mohammad bin Salman was given a welcome at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Roznama Sahara (September 13) reports that more than five companies of Bharat and Saudi Arabia took part in the meeting of India-Saudi Arabia Investment Platform. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman has announced that the Saudi government will make investments worth 100 billion dollars in Bharat. In the meeting of investment council, India's minister for commerce and trade Piyush Goyal and Saudi Arabia's investment minister Khalid Al-Falih also participated.

China appoints Ambassador in Kabul



Hamara Samaj (September 15) reports that China has become the first nation in the world to not only grant due recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan, but also opened its embassy in Kabul. Afghanistan's Acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund has accepted the credentials submitted by Chinese Ambassador Zhao Xing. China has become the first nation to grant recognition to the Afghanistan government after Taliban seized power in the country in 2021. Taliban government spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid has confirmed this development. The Chinese Ambassador said he is thankful to the Afghanistan government for granting recognition to him as the Chinese Ambassador in Kabul. He said China wants a strong political and economic relation with Afghanistan and it would be beneficial for the interests of both countries.

It is to be noted that earlier Pakistan's caretaker prime minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar had said that Pakistan would not grant recognition to Afghanistan government and no nation had granted recognition to the Taliban

government till today. It is being said that the appointment of China's Ambassador in Afghanistan is said to be an important step in the wake of this statement. In a statement, the Chinese foreign ministry said the appointment of Chinese Ambassador in Afghanistan was a natural process. Its aim is to take forward the talks and cooperation between China and Afghanistan. The Chinese policy towards Afghanistan is a clear one. It is against the interference of any foreign power on the Afghan issue and China accepts the sovereignty of Afghanistan government. This is a new chapter in the relationship between the two countries.

Afghanistan government's spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid expressed hope that now other nations would also come forward to grant recognition to Afghanistan. He said the two countries could resolve all the problems in a mutual manner. Recently, China's foreign minister Wang Yi also made his first official visit to Afghanistan. Afghanistan's caretaker prime minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund said our relationship with China is quite old and China as a neighbouring



country has extended us cooperation in all sectors. China and Afghanistan had signed

several agreements in the beginning of this year itself. Recently, China started the work to explore oil in Afghanistan by digging a new well. This apart, China has also been extending support to Afghanistan in other sectors. Recently, China has announced supply of foodgrains and other items to Afghanistan on humanitarian basis.

Ban on wearing Abaya in schools in France

Urdu Times (August 29) states that France has imposed a ban on wearing Abaya in schools. It is to be noted that Abaya is a kind of loose-fitting clothing, and the entire body of the man or the woman wearing it will remain covered except the face. Whereas, in burqa, the entire body is covered and a mesh-screen cloth covers the eyes through which the person could see through. French Minister for Education Gabriel Attal said the government has decided to impose a total ban on Abaya and full sleeve dress in all government schools. In an interview to a television channel, he said the purpose of imposing a ban on Abaya is that when a student goes to school or classes, his religion shall not be identified through his dress.

It is to be noted that France created a law in 2004 imposing a ban on wearing burqa, scarf, large cross, Jewish cap and hijab in schools. However, Abaya was not included in it then. Now the government has announced to include Abaya also among them. Various political parties in France said this ban was against French tradition and culture and said it is an interference in a particular religion. In some reports, it has been claimed that some students have been coming to school wearing Abaya. Tension has arisen between the managers of the schools and the parents of the students over this issue.

Hindustan Express (September 9) reports that some Muslim organisations

have filed a petition before the French Supreme Court against the ban imposed on Abaya, which the court has rejected. In its decision, the court said the ban on hijab is not an issue of discrimination of Muslims. The ban imposed on Abaya by the French government in schools on the principle of secularism is valid. The French Education ministry said that wearing of Abaya will make the person immediately identified with Islam. On the directions of the education ministry, hundreds of students wearing Abaya were sent back from school to their home because the students refused to remove aAbaya. On the other hand, the French education minister claimed that nearly 300 students came to the school wearing Abaya and they were sent back from school. Later, except 69 students, all others had assured that they will not come to school wearing Abaya. Following this, they were permitted to sit in class.

As per government estimate, approximately 10% among the 6.7 crore population of France are Muslims. Organisation of French Muslims, 'Action for the rights of Muslim' urged the French government to withdraw the ban imposed on Abaya and Kameez of the men. The organisation said it is discrimination against Muslims and due to it a feeling of hatred could arise against Muslims. However, the court rejected their petition. The lawyer of this organisation also argued in the court that Abaya is not a religious

dress, instead it is a traditional dress. The government has imposed a ban on it to reap political benefits and it also discriminates on gender basis.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 10) reports that Muslim organisations held massive protests against the ban imposed on Abaya in France. Principal of a school in Clermont in central France has filed a complaint before the police that when he stopped a few students wearing Abaya from entering the school, they threatened to kill him. Following his complaint, France has tightened security arrangements in schools.

Hindustan Express (September 13) in its editorial has said that the ban imposed on Abaya in France is a discriminatory policy introduced in the country which is against the secular culture of France. The newspaper complained that there is a sustained campaign against Muslims in France.

Etemaad (September 7) in its editorial said Islam is becoming popular in



Europe and the people there are abandoning Christianity and taking refuge in Islam. Hence the governments there are getting scared of Islam's increasing popularity and they have unleashed a campaign against Islam in all countries in Europe. A feeling of hatred is being unleashed against Muslims and Islam. This is against the sentiments of French Constitution. It looks like that there is huge pressure from fundamentalist Christians on the governments there due to which they are hell bent on finishing Islam and Muslims.

Row over desecration of Quran in Sweden



Despite strong protests from Islamic world, a campaign against Quran and Islam are on in some countries in Europe.

Siasat (September 5) reports that in Swedish capital Stockholm, the police have arrested two persons on charges of burning Quran during a protest march. It is being said that this protest march was organised by an Iraqi-origin man Salwan Momika. This protest march was organised at Sweden's southern city Malmo. This city

has a huge Muslim population. According to police, there were nearly 200 people in the protest march. It is being said that some people have opposed the burning of Quran. On this, a clash broke out between the two groups. Some people tried to capture those who burnt Quran. However, they fled and hid behind the policemen. Following this, the Muslim crowd pelted stones. Later the police took into custody 27 other people as well. Muslims say that the government has openly given permission to an anti-Islam man to insult Quran and he was given police protection as well. The police said when they caught hold of the man who burnt Quran and was taking him to a safe place, some people attacked the police vehicle on the way. It is to be noted that a few months ago, the United Nations Human Rights Council also

passed a resolution condemning the incidents of burning Quran.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 11) reports that Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in Delhi that burning of Quran is an indication of hatred towards Muslims which cannot be tolerated. He said that any insult to Quran and Islam on the pretext of freedom of expression will be given a befitting reply. We will not sit silent over the incident of insult to Quran. All Muslim nations should get united and take strong steps against those countries which give protection to those insulting

Islam and they should cut off diplomatic relationship with them.

Hindustan Express (September 6) in its editorial has condemned the burning of Quran in Sweden and said that Muslim nations should get united and take strong steps against those countries which give protection to those who insult Quran. Last month, 57 Muslim nations got united and demanded to the countries in Europe that they immediately formulate a law to stop such incidents. However, till now, none of these nations has taken any step to create such laws.

Islamic banking launched in Russia



Salar (September 2) reports that for the first time in the history of Russia, the Islamic banking system has been launched as a pilot programme for two years from the beginning of this month. May be it is being started in Muslim majority regions like Tatarstan, Bashkortostan, Chechnya and Dagestan. If this project becomes a success, it will be implemented in the entire country. It is to be noted that the number of Muslims in Russia

is approximately 2.5 crore and the Muslims there has been demanding for a long time that Islamic banking system shall be started in Russia as well. Now, Russian President Vladimir Putin has put his signature on the law for launching Islamic banking system in the country.

It is to be noted that Islamic banking system operates under Shariah. In Shariah, transactions involving interests is considered

as haram. Hence in the new Islamic banking system, a provision has been made where the money of those who deposited them in the bank will be invested in various businesses and the parts of profit arising out of such businesses will be shared with those who deposited the money in the bank. Secretary of Russian branch of Islamic Finance Madina Kalimullina said the earlier also Islamic banking system has been functioning in some private financial institutions in Russia. Now it has been extended to the official level.

What is Islamic banking system?

According to Saudi Arabia-located Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector, currently Islamic banking system is functioning in 75 countries in the world. As per this institution, Islamic banking system has been adopted in 560 banks and 1,900 mutual fund companies in these countries. Between 2015 and 2021, investments in Islamic banking system grew from 2.17 trillion dollars to 4 trillion dollars and it is hoped that this amount will go up to 5.9 trillion dollars by 2026. However, in Islam, giving and taking interest is considered as haram. Hence Islamic banking system has been developed in Iran and Saudi Arabia. Under this system, the money of

those who deposited it in the bank is invested in different businesses and the profit from such businesses are shared among the investors. This arrangement is in accordance with Shariah.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning that some Islamic scholars criticise the Islamic banking system by arguing that the investments are made in such companies as well which are considered as haram as per Islamic Shariah. They include liquor-manufacturing industry, drug business etc. On the other hand, banking experts say that which industry is haram or not is a controversial topic. The funniest thing is that the affluent sections of people in countries like Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq, which are considered as pioneers in Islamic banking system, deposit their money in banks in Switzerland where there is no Islamic banking system. In Egypt, the first bank based on Islamic banking system namely 'Mit Ghamr Saving Bank' was established in 1963 which it had to close down in 1967. It is being said that the scholars of Egypt's biggest Islamic institution Al Azhar had complained that this bank made investments in tourism industry apart from liquor business and even industries that make narcotics which is haram as per Islamic Shariah. ■

Tension in Pakistan-Afghanistan relationship

Inquilab (September 11) states that the relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan has soured ever since the Pakistan government closed its Torkham border with Afghanistan. It is to be noted that last week, huge clashes took place between Afghan and Pakistan soldiers on the issue of setting up border outposts in which several people were injured. Following this incident, Pakistan closed the Torkham border. The Afghan government, while criticising the closure of this border, said Afghanistan had to suffer huge damages due to this decision. Due to the closure of the border, hundreds of trucks carrying essential items are lined up, which the Pakistan government has not permitted to enter its area. Due to this, both the

countries are suffering losses to the tune of billions of rupees.

It is to be noted that Pakistan and Afghanistan share a 2,600-kilometre long border. The border is not demarcated in majority of the regions and hence there is a conflict between the two countries in many places. The Afghan government says that the Pakistan government wanted to establish its border outpost in Afghanistan's area, which the Afghan government did not permit. On this, firing took place between the armies of the two countries. The Afghanistan government is also angry with Pakistan government as the latter is pushing back Afghan refugees staying in Pakistan through the Afghan border after describing them as infiltrators.



Whereas, these Afghanis have been staying in Pakistan for several decades. Recently, the Afghan citizens staying in Karachi strongly protested the effort of Pakistan army to expel them from the country. They complained that the Pakistan Army is rounding up hundreds of Afghan citizens and forcibly sending them to Afghanistan.

Etemaad (September 12) reports that a spokesperson of Pakistan's foreign ministry expressed surprise over the comments of Afghanistan government on the closing of Torkham border and said the statement of Afghan foreign ministry was surprising. Pakistan will not allow any foreign government to carry out construction activities within its border. On December 6, the Afghan soldiers, instead of peacefully resolving the dispute, opened indiscriminate firing on Pakistani Army. The spokesperson also said the Afghan government had assured Pakistan government that it would not allow its land

to be used for violent activities in Pakistan. However, the Afghan government has not fulfilled this assurance and Afghanistan's territory is regularly used to spread violence in Pakistan.

Hamara Samaj (September 13) states that the Pakistan government has made a counter allegation against Afghanistan government that the efforts made by Afghan government to construct a border outpost within the territory of Pakistan was inappropriate. This is because we will not grant permission to any foreigner to encroach the land within our border. The spokesperson said that Afghanistan has been making controversial comments about the economy of Pakistan, which is an interference in our internal affairs. We condemn any effort by Afghanistan government in this connection. The spokesperson said we are ready to resolve disputes between the two through talks in a peaceful manner.

Niqab banned in schools in Egypt



Roznama Sahara (September 13) reports that Egypt's education ministry has announced a new dress code for the forthcoming academic session. As per the announcement, a ban has been imposed on wearing niqab in schools. It is to be noted that the new academic session will begin from September 30. Egypt's education minister Dr Reda Hegazy has confirmed this development. However, covering of the head has been made optional. The condition is that the face of the student should be clearly visible. He expressed hope that the people of Egypt will cooperate with the government in this matter. As far as the issue of the colour of the uniform is concerned, the official of education ministry, the manager of the school and the parents of the student may jointly decide on it. In this meeting, it has also been decided that there will not be any changes in the uniform for at least next three years. The uniform has to be purchased by the parents of the students from the market. No manager of any school will be

allowed to sell uniform. The students will not be given permission to wear any dress which has not been approved by the government. As per the new policy, international boards will also have to make arrangements to teach national education and religious education apart from Arabic language in their schools.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 15) reports that Egypt's renowned religious scholar Dr Ahmad Karima has supported the ban imposed on niqab in schools and said that covering of face using niqab is not mandatory as per Shariah. For women, it is necessary that they cover their head. He said that in 1997, a ban was imposed on wearing of niqab in educational institutions in Oman, which was not opposed by any Islamic scholar. He said the ban on niqab should be implemented in all educational institutions including religious madrasas. There should be a ban on wearing niqab in government offices as well. Nobody has the right to support wearing of niqab in the name of individual freedom. ■

Saudi Arabia executes two military officers on charges of treason

Mumbai Urdu News (September 15) reports that two senior officials of Saudi military were awarded death sentence on charges of attempting rebellion in Saudi Arabia. According to Saudi Press Agency, they were accused of rebelling against the country, violating the military law, breaking the unity of Saudi Arabia and spreading violence in the country. They were given death sentence by a Shariah court under Islamic law. The officers who were awarded death sentence include pilot Lt Colonel Majid bin Musa Abad al-

Bali and Chief Sergeant Yusuf bin Rida Hassan al-Azuni. They were arrested almost one year ago. The government statement did not say how many people were there in this gang. However, according to informed sources, cases for treason have been going on against some people in court. As per the government statement, the King of Saudi Arabia has confirmed awarding death sentence to these people. Later their heads were publically cut off using a sword after the namaz in Taif city.

Conspiracy by Israeli agents foiled in Iran

Inqilab (September 2) states that Iran's defence ministry has claimed that the country's intelligence wing has foiled a plan devised by Israeli spies to destroy Iran's institutions linked to missile and space programmes. The government television said many people have been arrested in this connection. The Israeli spies had made a plan to destroy using bombs many Iranian factories that make missiles and planes.

This plan was prepared by the Israeli intelligence agency and its agents. Iran has claimed that it has arrested more than two dozen people in this connection.

A spokesperson of Iran's defence ministry said the Israeli agents wanted to destroy those factories where Iran have been developing missiles. The spokesperson said that Israel is very much worried over the success of Iran's missile programme. This is because they understand that the most modern missiles that Iran had developed could destroy the entire military bases in Israel. That is why Israel's intelligence agency Mossad had devised a plan to destroy the entire



programme. In the past also, Israeli agents had murdered more than a dozen Iranian scientists involved in the missile development programme of Iran.

Iran's foreign minister has announced that Iran would continue to support Syria and would give a befitting reply to the attack on Iran by the Jews. In a joint meeting held with Syria's foreign minister in Damascus, Iranian foreign minister condemned the Israeli attacks in Syria and said that until Israel is finished, Iran will continue to support Syrian government and its military and would extend all possible help to them. He warned the US to pack its bag and leave the region.

Music classes in schools in Saudi Arabia



Roznama Sahara (September 6) reports that the Saudi government has announced that all schools in Saudi Arabia will impart music education when the academic year begins this year. Recently, the Saudi government had set up a government educational institution to provide music training to teachers, where the duration of the course will be two years. In Riyadh, the Music Home School of Art has established the first music training institution with the cooperation of culture ministry. The executive director of this institution, Moataz Al-Shabanah, told reporters that foreign teachers may be appointed in schools in Saudi Arabia to take music classes. These days, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammad bin Salman, has unleashed a campaign of liberalisation and music education is one such important step in that direction. This is because in Islam, music is considered as haram and there is a provision in Shariah to award death

sentence to those who impart training in music. Earlier, for the first time in Saudi Arabia, 41 cinema halls were opened and a special permission was given to women to enter 61 malls without burqa and purchase items.

Inquilab

(September 7) reports that in Afghanistan, the Taliban have arrested six persons on charges

of playing music at a private function. These people were arrested from Mazaar-e-Sharif. A spokesperson of Taliban government said that stringent action will be taken against these people as per Shariah and they will be given public lashes. It is to be noted that after coming to power, the Taliban government has imposed a ban on music throughout the country. In Herat province in Afghanistan, the Shariah department collected hundreds of musical instruments and set them on fire publicly. The Afghan government has ordered all Afghan citizens to hand over all the musical instruments kept in their homes so that they could be destroyed. A government spokesperson said manufacturing musical instruments and selling them are haram in Islam. Hence those who manufacture musical instruments will be awarded a punishment of at least five years in jail apart from a huge fine.

Israel opens embassy in Bahrain

Roznama Sahara (September 6) states that three years after Israel reached an agreement to establish normal relationship with Bahrain, it has duly opened its embassy in Bahrain. As per media reports, Israel's foreign minister Eli Cohen

formally inaugurated the embassy during his visit to Bahrain. On this occasion, Bahrain's foreign minister was also present. Both the ministers said the two countries will cooperate in mutual trade relations. He said that direct flight services

have started between Israel and Bahrain. We want more and more Israeli tourists to visit Bahrain. Israel is ready to make even investments in Bahrain for its economic development.

It is to be noted that last year, due to pressure from US, Israel and Bahrain announced establishment of diplomatic relationship between the two countries under Abraham Accord. Recently, the representatives of more than 30 Israeli companies accompanied Israel's foreign minister to Bahrain. These representatives held a meeting with Bahrain Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad al Khalifa and held discussions on different projects of Israeli



investments in Bahrain. Iran and Saudi Arabia criticised the increasing relationship between Israel and Bahrain and said the sentiments of Islamic unity have suffered a setback due to it.

Over 80 killed in attacks by Islamic terrorists in Mali

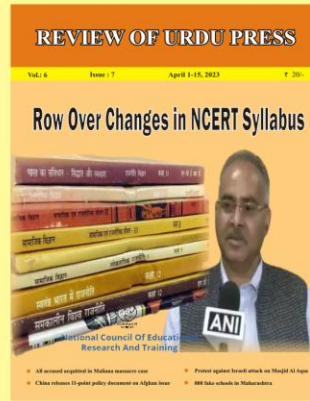
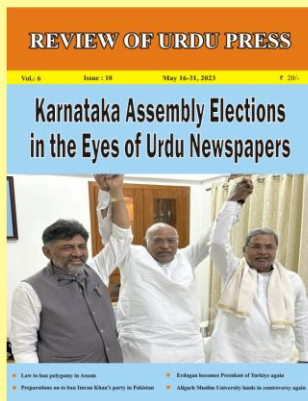
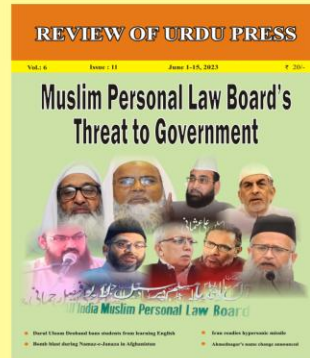
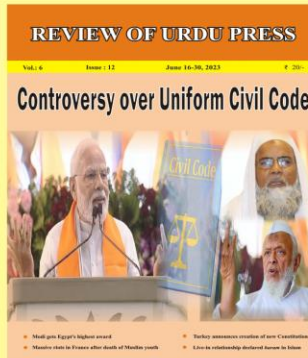
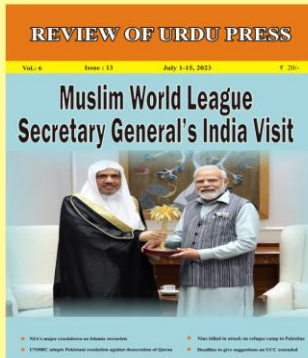
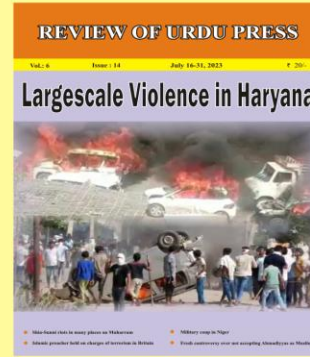
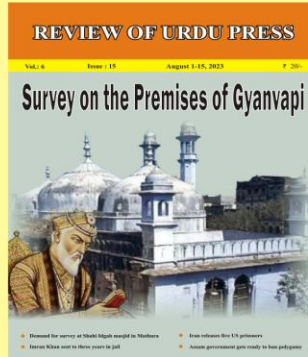
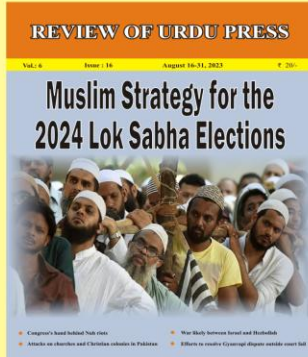


Roznama Sahara (September 9) states that in Mali, Islamic terrorist organisation Al-Shabab attacked a military base and two ships and killed at least 80 people. Those who were killed included nearly 25 soldiers. According to government spokesperson, at least 50 terrorists were killed in retaliatory action. The responsibility for both the terrorist attacks was owned by terrorist organisation Al-Shabab which is linked to Al-Qaida. The government has announced a three-day national mourning.

Hindustan Express (September 9) reports that Islamic jihad organisations are

active in Mali since 2012 due to which the country has become a victim of civil war. Thousands of people have fallen victim to this civil war and lakhs of people have been rendered homeless. The United Nations has announced to withdraw its 17,000 employees of its peace mission from Mali. These soldiers will be withdrawn by the end of this year. They were deployed in Mali in 2013. During this period, more than 3,000 soldiers of this mission were killed. After 2020, military coup took place twice in Mali. The Army said they will rest only after crushing the rebels.

Siasat (September 4) reports that there is a huge foodgrains crisis in Mali and at least 10 lakh children have become victims of starvation. At least 20,000 children have died due to hunger. The Unicef aid team said that Mali is facing a huge crisis. If the United Nations does not provide aid on a humanitarian basis to the country, lakhs of people will become victims of starvation.



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