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## Summary

The issue of liberation of Krishna Janmabhumi in Mathura has once again fallen into uncertainty. The petition filed in the Supreme Court by Srikrishna Janmabhumi Mukti Nirman Trust seeking a scientific survey of the spot has been rejected by the court. Earlier, the Allahabad High Court had also rejected a petition seeking the survey. In fact, if one looks at it honestly, it is not a controversial issue. There are historical documents which are still available which indicate that the temple constructed by the King of Orchha, Vir Singh Deo, on Srikrishna Janmabhumi was destroyed in the year 1670 on the orders of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb and a Shahi Masjid and an Eidgah were constructed on the spot.

The articles recovered during an excavation of the place have also confirmed that Bhagwan Srikrishna was born in this place. It is another story that foreign invaders had time and again destroyed the temples which were built on this holy land and their reconstructions also used to take place. Whether it was Mahmud Ghaznavi or Muhammad Ghorī or Ahmad Shah Abdali or Nadir Shah, there are documentary evidence to show that these foreign invaders had destroyed the holy temples built on this spot.

It is a very strange thing that Muslims have been regularly propagating that Islam is a religion of peace. However, the stand of the followers of the religion is just the opposite. Recently, a suicide attack took place on a procession taken out on the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) in Balochistan in Pakistan in which more than 60 people were killed. Earlier also, Islamic terrorists had made masjids and dargahs as their regular targets of attack and have been playing holi with the blood of the followers of their own religion. It is being said that those who carried out the attack on the procession were linked to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and the Khorasan chapter of ISIS. Recently, several notorious terrorists were killed in Pakistan. It is believed that the reason behind these killings is the mutual rivalry between different terrorist gangs.

China is involved in rapidly increasing its influence in Islamic world. Recently, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad visited China. Following this, China and Syria signed several agreements. It is worth mentioning that Syria is a victim of civil war for the past several decades. The ruler of Syria is a Shia and he is linked to Iran. Whereas Sunnis, among whom the Kurd tribe is the prominent one, are opposed to Shias. It is being said that lakhs of people have been killed in this civil war so far and nearly 80 lakh people have been rendered homeless. The rapidly growing Chinese influence in Arab world is a huge threat to the US. Earlier, due to the intervention of Chinese leaders, a new era of friendship has started between two prominent Islamic countries namely Iran and Saudi Arabia. The two countries have been enemies for more than a decade. Due to the increasing influence of China in Islamic world, the US has started making changes in its policy. Their efforts are becoming stronger day-by-day as they have once again established friendship with Saudi Arabia and foiled the intentions of China.

Whether its Iran or Afghanistan, both the countries are strictly implementing the Sharia law. They are not even bothered about its reactions in the world. The leaders of both the countries claim that it is necessary to implement the Sharia since their nation is a Muslim country and they are least bothered whether other countries like it or not. Despite opposition from the entire world, Iran has passed a law making it mandatory for women to wear hijab in which a provision has also been made to award 10 years in jail for not wearing hijab or wearing non-Sharia dress. Afghanistan in the beginning itself has imposed a ban on women from receiving education, taking up jobs or even visiting public places.



## Plea seeking survey on the premises of Srikrishna Janmabhumi rejected



**Taasir** (September 23) states that the Srikrishna Janmabhumi Mukti Nirman Trust has received a severe jolt from the Supreme Court as it rejected a petition seeking a survey of Srikrishna Janmabhumi-Shahi Idgah masjid in Mathura. Earlier in July, the Allahabad High Court had also rejected a petition demanding the same. In its petition, the Trust, while expressing its desire to cancel the agreement signed in 1968, said the agreement was a sham and a fraud. This land cannot be registered officially in the name of Idgah. This is because its tax is paid in the name of Katra Keshavdev Mathura. It is to be noted that the Srikrishna Janmabhumi Mukti Nirman Trust has claimed that in 1670, Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb issued a *firman* and destroyed the temple of Bhagwan Keshavdev in Mathura and constructed an Idgah masjid in its place.

**Aurangabad Times** (September 23) reports that a Supreme Court bench comprising Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia has rejected a petition filed by the trust saying that the hearing is pending before the Allahabad

High Court on the same issue in which a demand has been made to appoint commissioners for the survey. The Supreme Court bench said that it cannot be argued that the lower courts do not have the power to issue orders. The bench said that the high court is looking into the merit and other issues of the case and the petitioners should go there. Justice Kaul asked the lawyer of the petitioner, Gaurav Bhatia, why he came here against the interim order of the single bench? On this, Bhatia said that when this case was transferred to the high court, the lower court should not have issued an order in this connection. On this, the bench told the lawyer that the lower court had issued this order which was within its jurisdiction.

It is to be noted that in July this year, the Allahabad High Court had rejected a petition filed by Srikrishna Janmabhumi Mukti Nirman Trust which had urged the court to conduct a scientific survey on Srikrishna Janmabhumi-Shahi Idgah premises before the disposal of a petition pending in the civil court in Mathura. The management committee of the masjid and the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf

Board objected to it and said that the court cannot hear the petition in view of the Places of Worship Act, 1991, passed by the Union government.

**Siasat** (September 24) reports that the chief of Jamiat Ulema, Arshad Madani, while welcoming the decision of the Supreme Court, said this decision will put an end to the efforts made by some elements to seize different masjids and dargahs.

**Background:** The controversy over Srikrishna Janmabhumi-Shahi Idgah Masjid started nearly 350 years ago when the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb ordered the demolition of Keshavdev Mandir situated on Srikrishna Janmabhumi in 1670. Later, on the orders of Aurangzeb, the Faujdar of Mathura constructed an Idgah and a masjid on the spot. The writings of Italian traveller Niccolao Manucci also confirms the order issued by Aurangzeb to destroy the mandir. He had confirmed that on the orders of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb, the mandir built on Srikrishna Janmabhumi was destroyed in the month of Ramzan. As per Hindu puranas, the first temple on Srikrishna Janmabhumi was built by the great grandson of Bhagwan Krishna, Vajranabh. Later, the temple used to be regularly destroyed by heretic invaders and used to be reconstructed. The *firman* issued by Aurangzeb to destroy the temple was the one constructed by the King of Orchha, Vir Singh Deo, during the regime of Mughal Emperor Jahangir. That time, nearly 52 lakhs was spent on its construction.

According to Manucci, the temple was of seven storeys, and the light burning atop the temple was clearly visible from the royal palace in Agra. Irritated by it, Aurangzeb issued orders to demolish the temple and broke the murti of the mandir into two pieces. As per the royal firman of Aurangzeb, one portion of the murti was buried underneath the steps of Jama Masjid in Agra so that the Muslim namazis trample upon the murti before proceeding to offer namaz at the masjid. Whereas the second portion had been sent to Mecca and



the ruler there was requested to bury it under the steps of Masjid-e-Nabawi. Many Hindu trusts had been demanding from the courts to break open the steps of the Jama Masjid in Agra and recover the broken murtis of Srikrishna Janmabhumi mandir from there so that it could be renovated. However, the court has not accepted this demand so far.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning that Hindus were not allowed to enter this region for nearly 200 years. Nadir Shah and Ahmad Shah Abdali played Holi with blood of Hindus in this region and hundreds of temples were destroyed. In 1770, this region was seized by Marathas and Keshavdev Mandir was reconstructed. Later this mandir fell into disrepair. In 19<sup>th</sup> century, the British had auctioned this land (which was then known as Katra Keshavdev) and was purchased by Raja Patnimal, an ancestor of a moneylender from Kashi, Raja Rai Krishna Das. He wanted to construct a temple there. But due to lack of resources, it did not happen. In 1944, Rai Krishna Das handed over this land to well-known industrialist Jugal Kishore Birla on being inspired by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya. In 1953, the construction work for the temple began on this land and the work was completed in 1958. The institution that undertook the construction, Srikrishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan, signed an agreement with Intezamia Committee of the Idgah in 1967 in which it had been decided that both the mandir and masjid will remain on the land.

## Slapping case of Muslim student reaches Supreme Court

**Inquilab** (September 26) states that while hearing a petition filed by Mahatma Gandhi's great grandson Tushar Gandhi in the Supreme Court on the issue of slapping a Muslim student in a public school in Muzaffarnagar, a division bench comprising Justice Abhay Oka and Justice Pankaj Mittal said if this incident is correct, then the conscience of the government should be shaken. The Supreme Court also expressed dissatisfaction in the investigation conducted into the matter. The bench said that the father of the student had alleged in his preliminary complaint that teacher Tripti Tyagi had made objectionable comments against a particular religion. The police report also mentions this, but the same has not been mentioned in the FIR.

Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj, appearing for Uttar Pradesh government, said that the state government has not been trying to save anyone. But the issue has been highlighted after giving a communal colour to it. The court also directed that a senior IPS officer should investigate the incident to see whether Section 153A of Indian Penal Code will be applicable in this case or not. The court also criticised the fact that the police took time to file an FIR.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 26) reports that an allegation has been raised against the principal and a teacher in Ludhiana that they had given cruel treatment to a Muslim student during which the student got injured. As soon as a video on this incident went viral on social media, the Ludhiana police arrested the accused teacher Sri Bhagwan.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 16) states that a Muslim journalist Zakir Ali Tyagi shared a video on social media in which he had alleged that when Kashmiri students held a protest at Desh Bhagat University in Punjab seeking their degree certificates, the police lathicharged them and the hijab of many students were torn. As per

a report in *Journo mirror*, there are approximately 70 Kashmiri students (who are in various paramedical courses) studying in the university who were transferred to another college, Sardar Lal Singh College. This is because Desh Bhagat University does not have the recognition of Indian Nursing Council. The government has almost decided to shut down Desh Bhagat University. The students allege that Desh Bhagat College has the permission to admit students only in 60 seats. However, the university administration admitted 130 students after deceiving them. Now, despite completing the course, they are not being given degree and the college from which they were supposed to get the degree also does not have the recognition of Indian Nursing Council. A spokesperson of Desh Bhagat College said that the allegations raised by the students are baseless and they are deliberately trying to blackmail the university administration. The spokesperson said the dispute will soon be resolved.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 27) in its editorial said that had the Muslim student in Muzaffarnagar got justice and had any legal action been taken against the woman teacher immediately, the shameful incident in Ludhiana would not have happened. Many events like the Muzaffarnagar incident are happening in the country. In Ludhiana also, two students were made to beat up one student. The mother of the student said that when she went to the school with the complaint, she was threatened that if she registers a complaint with police, then her student will be expelled from the school. This incident was an evidence of communal hatred. This incident comes under the category of communal hatred because the student is Muslim and the teacher at whose behest he was beaten up, his name is Sri Bhagwan. Several such incidents are taking place. The truth is that after 2014, due to the atmosphere of hatred that has been created in the country, there is a rapid increase in such incidents.

## Special campaign to provide Muslim women a share in ancestral property



are taking place in Muslim community. Due to the evil practice of dowry, the marriage of girls is becoming a serious issue in Muslim community. They are being exploited in jobs as well. This apart, there is an increase in incidents of domestic violence as well. In an effort to oppose such evil practices, the board has divided the

**Roznama Sahara** (September 19) reports that it has been decided at a meeting of the executive of Muslim Personal Law Board that a special campaign shall be undertaken across the country to provide Muslim women a fixed share in ancestral property. Many Muslim scholars who took part in the meeting expressed the opinion that there is provision in Sharia to provide women a share in the ancestral property. However, despite this, in many cases, the sisters and daughters are not getting their shares. In the same way, the mother is devoid of her share in the property of son and the widow is devoid of her share in husband's property. The sister also doesn't get her share from the property of her brother. It has been said at the meeting that all these are happening in a non-Sharia manner. Hence it is necessary that a special campaign shall be undertaken in order to create awareness among the Muslim community.

Spokesperson of the board, Dr Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas, told journalists that it has also been opined in the meeting that women in the country have been facing different kinds of social and Sharia problems. For example, foeticide of girls

country into three parts and a secretary has been made in-charge of each department. This apart, a committee has been formed to start a social reform movement which included Maulana Syed Ahmad, Faisal Rahmani, Maulana Mohammad Umrain and Dr Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas.

It has also been decided in the meeting that the efforts being made by the government to impose Uniform Civil Code on Muslim community will be opposed with full strength and in order to awaken the society, meetings and press conferences will be organised. The meeting expressed satisfaction that a memorandum has been submitted to Law Commission against the implementation of Uniform Civil Code and nearly 63 lakh people took part in this campaign and the effort will be continued further. The meeting expressed disappointment that the Central and state governments are running a well-planned conspiracy to take away the Waqf property and the Waqf board has also participated in it. Hence in order to protect the Muslim Waqf, five Waqf meetings will be organised across the country and create awareness among Muslims about the efforts being made by the government.



## Controversy over celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi at Idgah Maidan in Karnataka



**Roznama Sahara** (September 16) reports that a controversy has erupted once again on the issue of celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi at Idgah Maidan in Hubli in Karnataka. The Hindu organisations sought permission from the district administration to set up the murti of Bhagwan Ganesh at the Idgah Maidan in Hubli. Following this, the Muslims started a series of protest marches. Muslim organisation Anjuman-e-Islam filed a petition before the Karnataka High Court in which a demand had been raised to stop the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi at Idgah Maidan. However, the high court rejected this petition. It is to be noted that even last year also a huge controversy has erupted over this issue. When the Karnataka high court rejected the petition of Anjuman-e-Islam seeking to stop the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, they knocked at the doors of the Supreme Court. However, the court totally refused to intervene in this issue. This year, Hindu organisations have sought permission from the municipality to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi at Idgah Maidan. When the municipality refused to grant permission to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, the Hindu organisations staged a dharna outside the municipal office and started singing keertans. They demanded that like last year

this year also permission shall be given to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi at Idgah Maidan.

BJP MLA Aravind Bellad has threatened that even if the municipality refuses to grant permission to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi festival at Idgah Maidan, the murtis will still be placed in Maidan. He said they expect the government to respect our sentiments and our agitation will continue till the time we get permission for the same. When journalists asked Karnataka minister Priyank Kharge whether permission has been given to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi festival at Idgah Maidan, he said we have not rejected this demand till now. On the other hand, Karnataka's home minister D G Parmeshwar said we have left this issue to the local administration.

**Urdu Times** (September 27) has alleged that efforts were made to hurt religious sentiments in Karnataka. According to the newspaper, two boys entered a masjid in Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka and shouted 'Jai Shri Ram'. The police arrested both over this incident. The two arrested are 26-year-old Sachin Rai and 24-year-old Keertan Pujari. A police officer said the managers of the masjid also reported that the two had



threatened that they will not allow Muslims to stay there. The police arrested both persons on the basis of the report of the imam of the masjid. The police said both these persons were under the influence of alcohol and they did not have any criminal antecedents.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 27) states that in Bidar in Karnataka, some mischievous elements climbed the walls of a masjid and foisted a saffron flag atop it. The police said that on receiving information about the incident, a case has been registered against the accused and the flag was removed. The police said the accused will be arrested soon.

**Salur** (September 27) states that in Shantinagar Kabristan in Bengaluru, only one firq (sect) of Muslims is permitted to

bury their bodies. Opposing this, a person named Ghulam Ghouse said that when the masjid is for all, why only one sect is allowed to bury their bodies in the Kabristan? He said that it was the British government which had given land to Muslims in Shanti Nagar for Kabristan and this Kabristan is for all Muslims. However, later those belonging to a section of Muslims took possession of the Kabristan and they are not giving permission to the rest of the Muslims to bury their bodies there. Muslims belonging to other sections have to go around different Kabristans to get the bodies buried. In this connection, he has also written a letter to the Waqf minister and the chairman of the Waqf board. However, they have not taken any action.

## Complaint filed with police against Assam chief minister



**Urdu Times** (September 15) states that the Assam Pradesh Mahila Congress has filed a complaint with police against state chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. In this complaint, it has been said that Himanta Biswa Sarma had delivered a hate speech during an election meeting in Madhya Pradesh. President of Assam Pradesh Mahila Congress Meera Borthakur Goswami said that Himanta Biswa Sarma had said the way a member of Opposition alliance had described Sanatan Dharma as malaria and dengue, cannot be tolerated. The Congress needs to expel such elements from INDIA alliance. Otherwise, we, like

Hanuman, will set fire to 10 Janpath. The president of Mahila Congress said that though this statement was given in Madhya Pradesh, this was widely reported in the media in Assam. Action shall be taken against the chief minister accused of inciting communal hatred and violence and a case shall be registered.

On the other hand, incharge of Dispur police station Roopam Hazarika said he is investigating the issue. So far, it has not been decided whether to file an FIR against the chief minister or not. Leader of Opposition in Assam Assembly Debabrata Saikia has also filed a complaint against Himanta Biswa Sarma in Sivasagar district. However, so far the police have not registered a case in this connection.

**Urdu Times** (September 14) reports that the Aam Aadmi Party's northeast region incharge Rajesh Sharma has accused the wife of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Riniki Bhuyan Sarma, of corruption and said that the chief minister's

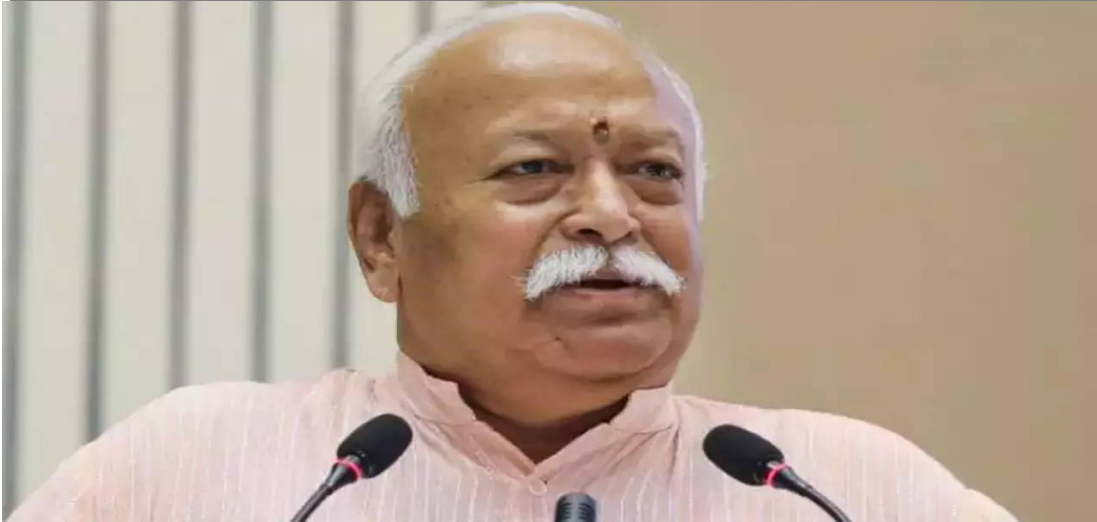
wife has amassed huge money in land scam. In this connection, he demanded an investigation by the Enforcement Directorate and CBI. On the other hand, the Assam chief minister has rejected all these allegations and said that these false allegations are raised due to political animosity. Rajesh Sharma alleged that the wife of Assam chief minister has opened a private school in the name of Vandya International School and she is also the owner of a tea garden and a resort.

Rajesh Sharma said the chief minister's wife has purchased a 106 bigha agricultural land in Nagaon district. However, as per the Land Ceiling Act in Assam, no person can purchase more than 50 bigha agricultural land in Assam. He said that after purchase of this land, a food

processing plant was set up there at a cost of Rs 25 crore and the state government has given a subsidy of Rs 10 crore for this plant.

**Siasat** (September 24) in its editorial alleged that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has been running a well-planned campaign against Muslims. He has targeted the religious madrasas. Recently, the threat that he issued to set fire to the residence of Sonia Gandhi is condemnable. Such language will not suit a chief minister. However, Himanta Biswa Sarma had started his political career as a Congress worker. When he was in Congress, the BJP had raised several allegations of corruption against him. However, as soon as he joined BJP, he has been given a clean chit.

## Sangh campaign to increase contacts with non-Hindu sections



**Inquilab** (September 25) states that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has been making efforts to spread its network among non-Hindu sections including Muslims. Recently, while addressing a meeting of office-bearers of Sangh in Lucknow, the Sangh chief directed his workers that they go to non-Hindus and work among them and make efforts to improve social harmony. The newspaper claimed that this decision has been taken after seeing the weakening position of the BJP in the 2024

elections. The effort of Sangh is to break into the vote bank of non-Hindus in the forthcoming elections. At Saraswati Shishu Mandir located in Nirala Nagar, the Sangh chief directed the office-bearers that they go to Muslims, Sikhs, Jains and other non-Hindu sections and work among them and make them aware about the Sangh's message of social harmony.

The newspaper said that RSS is also trying to bring Dalits close to them. The Sangh worker will now go to the houses of



people belonging to Christian, Muslim and Sikh religions and establish contact with them. They will go to the places of worship of these people and will make effort to win the trust of religious leaders by meeting them. Along with it, they will also be invited to take part in the programmes of Sangh. It is to be noted that the BJP has launched a special campaign to attract Pasmenda Muslims towards it on the directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Muslim Rashtriya Manch is working on the agenda of 'Modi Mitra.' But now the Sangh wants to widen this programme. It is to be noted that 13 districts in Uttar Pradesh come under Awadh region. In every such district, senior leaders of Sangh have been identified who will establish contact with those who follow Muslim, Christian, Sikh and Jain religions and make them aware about the activities of Sangh.

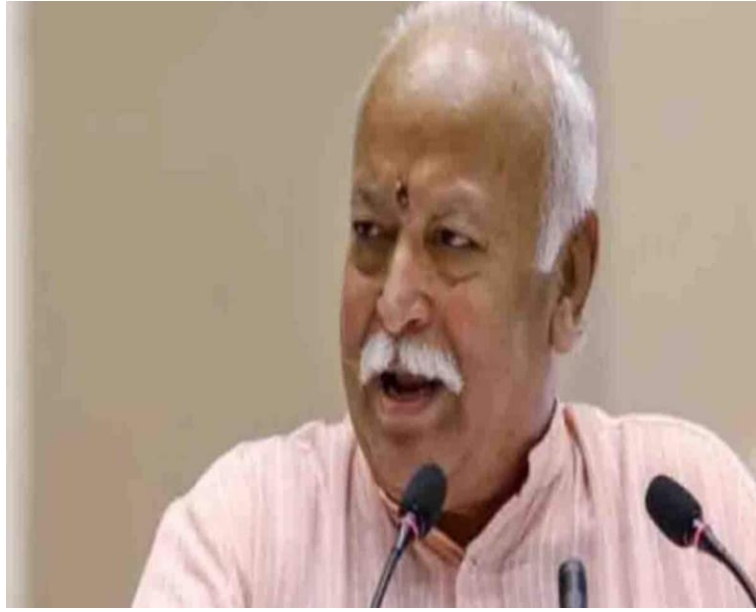
**Inquilab** (September 26) states that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, while addressing a meeting in Lucknow, said it was necessary to create awareness among society in order to stop Love Jihad and conversion. He also claimed that wherever Sangh shakhas are established, there such social problems end on their own. Hence it is necessary to establish the Shakha of Sangh among the people belonging to all religions. In this connection, a special campaign to create awareness shall be

undertaken in schools, colleges and universities against conversion and Love Jihad. Sangh workers told the Sangh chief that there is an increase in conversion activities in the border areas near Nepal in Uttar Pradesh. In this connection, the rural areas of Bahraich, Balrampur and Shravasti are specifically mentioned. Mohan Bhagwat said that if Sangh Shakhas are established in these regions, then such problems will get controlled on its own. He also indicated that there is a stringent law in Uttar Pradesh against conversion, under which action has been taken against more than 1,000 people so far. In the meeting, the Sangh chief directed the workers that instead of adopting a policy of confrontation, efforts shall be made to find solutions through talks. The Sangh karyakartas have to specifically work among the communities where there is no Sangh work.

**Urdu Times** (September 17) in its editorial said that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said the Muslims in Bharat are also Hindu because their ancestors were Hindu and they converted due to the fear of foreign invaders. In other words, there is DNA of Hindus in every Muslim in Bharat. The newspaper said that apart from some Sanghis, some so-called Muslim leaders have also extended support to this absurd statement of Mohan Bhagwat. Such people



either want to take different benefits from those at the helm or are totally coward or they do not have the courage to speak the truth. The newspaper said that Islam is the oldest religion in the world. Since Adam is the progenitor in Islam, every human being is a blood relative. Hence every human being in the world is a Muslim and everybody has the same religion of Islam. This claim of Mohan Bhagwat is totally wrong that the ancestors of all



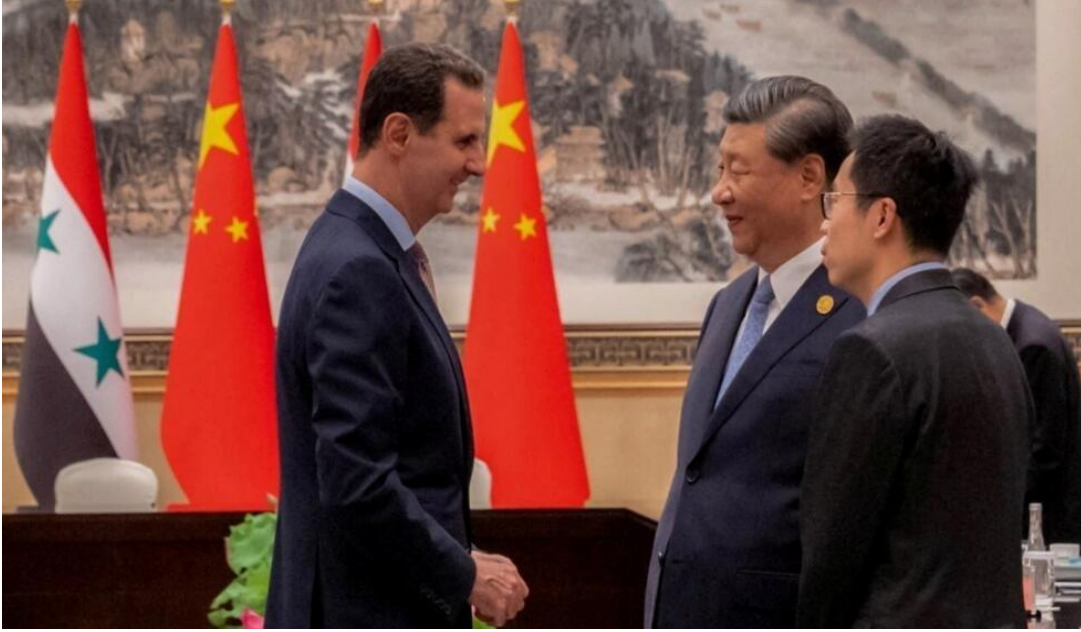
Muslims who stay in this country are Hindus. In fact, it is a white lie because the time when this world was created, that time Baba Adam placed his first step on the sacred land of Hind. From that time onwards, not only Bharat, every nook and corner of the world has started breathing the fragrance of Islam. Shaitan has misled some people and they deviated from the path of truth. In order to show them the right path, Khuda had sent lakhs of prophets and the last among them was Prophet Mohammad. He had illuminated the world through the light of Islam. Hence Muslims are the oldest residents in Hindustan.

**Hamara Samaj** (September 30) in its editorial has alleged that the people of Sangh, especially Mohan Bhagwat, talk in abstract language instead of speaking bluntly. This training is given in all RSS Shakhas and the organisations connected to them. Another thing is that they do propaganda against Muslims. On the other hand, they also don the hat of being social reformers. They claim to establish harmony with them. However, their real purpose is to unleash a poisonous propaganda against Islam. During their secret meetings, discussions are held about wiping out Muslims in the country. Obviously, they

present themselves before the world as the bearers of social reforms and peace. This way, they make fool of Muslims.

On last September 24, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat during a meeting in Lucknow, had directed his workers to establish close contacts with Muslims, Sikhs, Jains and Dalits and directed them to establish harmony with them. There is no doubt that this is a campaign to elicit votes for BJP during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. They are making efforts to mislead Dalits and Muslims and collect their votes. At one level, they talk about social harmony. At another level, they describe conversion as illegal and create hatred against those who are involved in conversion. The truth is that 'one teeth of the elephant is for eating, while another is for display.' The Sangh chief follows this adage. One can never trust his words. The newspaper suggested that Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and Dalits should not attend the meetings of Sangh. This is because the people of RSS want to mislead these communities and collect their votes. Hence it is necessary that the thinkers of the country and the Muslim Ulema organise a concerted and well-organised campaign to foil these efforts of RSS so that the keys to the power do not go back to their hands again.

## Syrian President's visit to China



**Roznama Sahara** (September 24) reports that a meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad took place after the inaugural ceremony of Asian Games. This was the first visit of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to China after 2004. Before this, Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro Moros and Iran President Ebrahim Raisi had visited China. According to Chinese government news agency Xinhua, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad have announced the establishment of strategic partnership between the two countries through a joint declaration. The Chinese President said that China is against foreign interference in the internal affairs of any nation. Hence China supports Syria on issues of its freedom, sovereignty and regional security. The Chinese President announced that China will extend full cooperation in development of Syria.

The Syrian President said that China had stood with his country in all difficult times. The friendship between China and Syria will prove to be a success in providing balance and stability to the world

and we will cooperate in different fields. The newspaper said that China has been supporting Syria in the United Nations Security Council and this meeting is a proof that Syria has cut off its relationship with the US.

**Hindustan Express** (September 23) states that Bashar al-Assad had visited China before the start of the civil war in Syria. So far, more than five lakh people have been killed in the civil war in Syria. The civil war has heavily damaged Syria's industrial structure and the economic system. Syria is hopeful that China will extend military and financial aid to the country. Al-Assad's visit to China is also important because China is rapidly increasing its influence among Middle East countries. Recently, due to its efforts, diplomatic relationship has been established between Saudi Arabia and Iran. It is to be noted that the US supports the Kurd rebels in Syria while Iran extends help to the Syrian government. The reason for this is also because the Syrian President is a Shia.

**Etemaad** (September 25) in its editorial said that a series of protests

against the Bashar al-Assad government in Syria started during the Arab Spring (Arab rebellion) 12 years ago. The government tried to crush the protesters with an iron hand. Following this, a civil war erupted in the country. According to international organisation, World Food Programme, nearly 90% population of Syria are living below the poverty line. Nearly a year ago, China has announced financial aid to Syria for its economic development with the aim of increasing its influence among Arab nations. The visit of President Bashar al-Assad has taken place at a time when China is spreading its network in Middle-East.

The newspaper said that China being a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, had utilised its voting powers eight times in the past and stopped the United Nations from passing resolutions against the Al-Assad government. Due to the civil war in Syria, Al-Assad is isolated in Arab world. This is because majority Sunni countries are against the Shia president of Syria. On the other hand, the Western nations had also



imposed all kinds of sanctions on Syria. In such a situation, a friendly relationship with China will help Syria start a new era of development in the country. Earlier, due to pressure from China, Syria was invited to the meeting of Arab heads of states being organised in Saudi Arabia. However, till now, no Arab nation has extended any financial help to Syria. Now, China is preparing to make investments there. The truth is that in countries where the United States and Western nations were imposing sanctions, China is getting closer to them. It looks like China is making efforts to emerge as an alternative power to the United States in the political states in the world.

## Terrorist attack on Eid Milad-un-Nabi procession in Pakistan



**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 30) reports that at least 60 people were killed and nearly 100 were injured in a terrorist attack on a procession taken out on the birth anniversary of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad. The condition of majority

among them was said to be serious. This suicide attack took place in Mastung in Balochistan. The Balochistan government has announced a three-day mourning in the entire town. On the other hand, at least 10 people were killed and 32 were injured in a blast that took place in a masjid in Hangu district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This blast took place when the Juma namaz was taking place in the masjid. The blast was so strong the entire masjid was destroyed.

Not only this, the attack on the birth anniversary procession of Hazrat



Mohammad in Balochistan took place near a masjid. It is being said that a suicide bomber wearing a jacket filled with explosives entered the masjid and took part in the procession and later blew himself up in which at least 60 people were killed and more than 100 were injured. Those who died include DSP Nawaz Gishkori. Inspector General of Balochistan police

Abdul Khalid Sheikh said five police officials including the DSP were killed while trying to stop the suicide bomber. He said the number of those killed is likely to increase further. Nearly 3,000 people took part in the procession. It is being said the person who triggered the blast was a youth. So far, no terrorist organisation has come forward to take responsibility for the blast.

## Israeli citizens can visit the US without a visa

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 26) states that the Biden administration has announced a special facility to Israel as per which Israeli citizens will be allowed to enter US without a visa. Israeli citizens will be given this facility from next year. Currently, citizens of nearly 40 European and Asian countries have been permitted to stay in US for three months without a visa. Recently, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a meeting with US President Joe Biden. During this meeting, the US President has urged Israel Prime Minister to resolve the Palestinian dispute and the public anger that has erupted against the government due to the judicial reforms undertaken in the country. If the US government duly announces the facility for Israeli citizens to visit the US without a visa, then it will strengthen the position of Prime Minister Netanyahu in Israeli politics. That's why the Palestinian leaders are criticising this decision of the US.



Iran. Israel is also trying to ensure that the US openly stands with it on the Palestinian dispute. However, the Biden administration has recently criticised the setting up of Jewish colonies in West Bank and the anti-Palestine stand of Israel. Following this, the Israelis were very much worried. But now Israel must be feeling happy after the change in the policy of the US.

**Siasat** (September 27) in its editorial said the US is being kind to Israel. Now it has given permission to Israeli citizens to arrive in US without a visa. This will make Israelis to improve their trade relations with the US and they would be able to stay in US without a visa for three months. They just have to register their names in the electronic system after reaching the US. Israel has been putting pressure on the US that it adopts a strong stand with regard to

The relief that has been given to Israel by the US is like rubbing salt on the wounds of the Arab countries. However, the Arab countries have been displaying insensitivity on this issue. Till now, no Arab country has criticised the increasing friendship of the US with Israel. Right from the beginning, the US has been adopting the cruel policy of pitching Muslim nations of Arab world against each other and keeping them engaged in a mutual war. The US had always tried to depose those political leaders in Arab world who had adopted an anti-US stand. The status of

Arab League has become technical and the activities of Organisation for Islamic Cooperation has become limited to passing lengthy resolutions in conferences. The US had, under its conspiracy policy, always promoted war in neighbouring countries of Israel like Iraq, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon

and had indirectly supported civil war. The US had played an important role in overthrowing the government in Egypt founded on Islamic principles. Till today, the efforts of the US and Russia are to ensure that the Arab countries keep fighting among themselves.

## 18 people arrested on charges of conversion in Afghanistan



**Inquilab** (September 18) states that the Taliban government in Afghanistan has arrested 18 employees of a foreign NGO, International Assistance Mission (IAM), including a US woman. They have been accused of converting several Muslim citizens of Afghanistan into Christianity. They were arrested from Ghor province in Afghanistan and brought to Kabul. Government spokesperson in Ghor, Abdul Wahid Hamas, told reporters that the

intelligence wing and other security agencies have been keeping an eye on this organisation for a long time now. Recently, many meetings were organised through this organisation and Christianity has been spread.

According to Afghan media, two persons belonging to this NGO were arrested from Ghor province while converting Afghan citizens.

After questioning them, 15 other people were also arrested. The spokesperson of IAM said their organisation is Christian. But while extending relief, they do not take into consideration political or religious affinity. If some people from Islam have become Christian, then they converted on their own interest. They were not given any kind of allurements and neither any pressure was exerted on them.

## Row over Miss Universe contest in Pakistan

**Roznama Sahara** (September 17) states that 24-year-old model Erica Robin, who belongs to Karachi, has become the first Miss Universe Pakistan. A controversy has erupted in Pakistan over this contest. Some people have accused the government that organising a beauty contest is against Islam. Former chairperson of Pakistan's human rights organisation, Zohra Yusuf, said that when a woman in Pakistan progresses due to her own efforts, fundamentalist organisations put hurdles on

her path. She also said that organising beauty contest is not against the principles of Islam. It is to be noted that the contest for Miss Universe Pakistan was held in Maldives. This contest was held at a resort there and the event was organised without the permission of Pakistan government. When the contest was opposed, the government has ordered an investigation into it.

It is being said that 200 beauties from Pakistan took part in this contest out

of which five were selected for the finals. Later, 24-year-old Erica Robin, a resident of Karachi and working as a fashion model, was selected as Miss Universe. This contest was organised by Dubai-based agency, Yugen Group. Erica was crowned as Miss Universe Pakistan. Now she will represent Pakistan in the world contest to be organised in Argentina.



While a section supporting this contest has been saying that due to this contest, the entry of Pakistani beauties on world platforms will increase, the fundamentalist Mullahs of Pakistan are opposed to it. Leader of Jamaat-e-Islam Maulana Taqi Usmani said this contest is against Islamic principles and stringent action should be taken against its organisers. From this, a message has gone to the world that Islamic principles are tampered with in Pakistan.

Member of Pakistan National Assembly Mushtaq Ahmad Khan described

it as shameful for Pakistan. Journalist Ansar Abbasi asked which Pakistani official allowed women to take part in this beauty contest? On the other hand, women leader Maria Babar said that Pakistan is for all Pakistanis. The image of Pakistan will improve in the world due to such contests. Whereas Miss Universe Pakistan Erica Robin said due to this contest, the Pakistan now commands more respect in the world and she will be happy to represent Pakistan in the International beauty contest. She said that Pakistani men have not seen any Pakistani woman moving ahead in any field.

## General elections in Pakistan to be held in January



**Inquilab** (September 22) reports that the Election Commission in Pakistan has announced that the general elections in the

country will be held in the last week of January next year. The

Election Commission said that the first list for delimitation of constituencies as per the new Census will be released on September 27 and after taking into

consideration the suggestions and objections, the final list on electoral constituencies will be released on



November 30. Later, in the last week of January 2024, the general elections will be held across the country. Following this announcement of Election Commission, the confusion over elections in Pakistan has ended. The Democratic Movement government in Pakistan, after accepting the new Census, has directed delimitation of constituencies. Due to this reason, the confusion over elections had got aggravated. In the beginning of August this

year, after the dissolution of National Assembly and state assemblies before term, it became mandatory for the Election Commission to conduct elections within a period of 90 days. Pakistan's different political parties like Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Pakistan People's Party, Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) etc have urged the Election Commission that it announce the new election dates in order to end the confusion.

## Burqa banned in Switzerland



**Inquilab** (September 22) reports that the Parliament in Switzerland has passed a law imposing a ban on burqa. This bill was presented at the behest of right wing party Swiss People's Party. Nearly 151 members of National Council voted in favour of this law, while 29 members had opposed it. It is to be noted that the Upper House of Swiss Parliament had approved this law earlier itself and two years ago, a referendum was conducted across the country in this connection. In

this referendum, the Swiss people have supported a ban on niqab, burqa, hijab etc. Now the National Council has also granted its approval for this ban. Those who violate this law could be fined up to 1,000 Swiss Franc. Under this law, there will be restrictions on covering nose, mouth and eyes in public places and private residences. However, very few women in Switzerland wear burqa. In Europe, countries like France and Belgium had banned burqa earlier itself.

## Saudi Arabia and Israel likely to establish diplomatic relationship



**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 24) states that Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel and Saudi Arabia have come close to signing a peace agreement. This apart, there is a possibility of both the countries establishing diplomatic relationship. He said that by establishing relationship with Saudi Arabia, a new Middle East will take birth. The Israel Prime Minister, while addressing the United Nations General Assembly, said we have this option of taking the benefits of unlimited development and peace or suffer from the terrible war of terror and despair. He said that five years ago he had said while speaking at the same place that a day will come when Israel will take the initiative towards establishing peace with Arab countries including Egypt and Jordan. Due to this, peace will be established between Israel and Arab countries and the opportunity to resolve the Palestinian issue in a peaceful manner will also increase. The Abraham Accord has started a new era of peace and Israel and Saudi Arabia will soon sign a historic peace deal. This will open the doors to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict and other Arab nations will also

establish relationship with Israel. There will be a new era of friendship between Jewish religion and Islam and the spirit of cooperation between Jerusalem and Mecca will increase.

**Etemaad** (September 21) reports that the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammad bin Salman, has accepted that efforts are on to establish diplomatic relationship with Israel. He said that we are very close to signing a peace deal with Israel. He rejected the claim that Saudi Arabia had any hand in the attacks that took place in US on November 9, 2001. He was asked whether it was correct that 15 people involved in the conspiracy for the attack were Saudi Arabian citizens? On this, the Saudi Crown Prince said it was Al Qaida leader Osama bin Laden who had prepared the plan for this attack. In 1990, he had carried out an attack against Saudi Arabia as well. He was an enemy of Saudi Arabia. He said that Saudi Arabia's relationship with Israel will become normal by next year.

Similarly, the US is trying for a long time to establish a friendly relationship between Saudi Arabia and Israel. A

spokesperson of US government said that President Joe Biden is trying to establish diplomatic relationship between Israel and Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia has set up some conditions to establish relationship with Israel. The conditions include US cooperation in Saudi Arabia's nuclear development programme and the lifting of restrictions imposed on purchase of US weapons. It is to be noted that during the regime of Donald Trump, the Abraham Accord was signed with different nations due to the efforts of US under which many Arab nations established diplomatic relationship with Israel. The countries which entered into this deal include United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco. Saudi Arabia is stressing that in order establish relationship with Israel, it is necessary that Palestine is recognised as a separate country.

**Siasat** (September 25) reports that Israel's foreign affairs minister Eli Cohen has claimed that as soon as an agreement is reached with Saudi Arabia, six or seven other Arab nations will also establish diplomatic and trade relationship with us. In this connection, discussions were held with the rulers of many such Muslim nations. Israel's foreign minister said that it was not proper for him to disclose the names of such Muslim nations. It is true that we have come very close to signing a peace deal with Saudi Arabia and due to this agreement, there will be a new era of peace and development between Muslim world and Jews.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 22) reports that Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after holding talks with US President Joe Biden, told

journalists that due to the efforts of US, a hope has been created that Saudi Arabia will soon grant recognition to Israel and there will also be a peace agreement between the two countries. Taking part in a programme of ABC News, the US Secretary of State said that if an agreement is reached between Israel and Saudi Arabia, it will help establish peace in the region and there will be a new era of development. He said that they were making efforts in this direction for a long time. But now there is possibility of a credible solution.

**Roznama Sahara** (September 21) reports that there is a possibility of a defence agreement being signed between the US and Saudi Arabia. According to US newspaper 'New York Times,' this agreement will exactly be like the agreement that US had with Japan and South Korea. Under this agreement, if any foreign power attacks either the US or Saudi Arabia, then both the countries will mutually cooperate to face the attack. It is to be noted that if any such agreement is reached between the US and Saudi Arabia, then it will be a serious setback to the growing ties between Saudi Arabia and China. It looks like US President Joe Biden is striving to further increase US's military relations with Arab countries of Middle East so that China will not be able to increase its influence in this region. It looks like the US is making preparations to send more soldiers to Saudi Arabia. Currently, 2,700 US soldiers are present in Saudi Arabia. The US may also supply a large quantity of military equipment to Saudi Arabia so that Saudi Arabia could be brought close to the US and keep it away from China.

## Stringent law passed against women in Iran

**Roznama Sahara** (September 21) reports that the Iranian Parliament has passed a law, as per which a provision has been made to award a 10-year rigorous imprisonment to women who do not wear the dress as prescribed in Islamic Sharia.

Under this law, those women who do not wear hijab will also be given 10-year jail term. As per Iran's government news agency IRNA, this law has been passed to maintain modesty as per Iranian culture. This law has not been granted approval by





Iran President Ebrahim Raisi till now. However, Iran's highest religious leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has openly extended his support to the law. In such a situation, the President has no other way except to stamp his approval on this law. As per this law, if any persons campaigns in support of Iranian women wearing non-Sharia dress, action will be taken against them as well under this law. Recently, some Iranian women were arrested on charges of not wearing hijab and cases were registered against them in special courts. It is to be noted that in September last year, the police had arrested a 22-year-old woman, Mehsa Amini, on charges of not properly wearing hijab and she later died in police custody. It is being said that she died due to torture by police. Following this, massive anti-government protests started in Iran against stringent implementation of hijab law in which it is claimed that lakhs of people took part. Over 20,000 people were arrested and were awarded rigorous imprisonment after registering cases against them. The Iranian administration has alleged that the hands of foreign powers, especially European nations and the US were behind these protests. More than 1,000 people died during these protests. Since then, the US and other European nations and the United Nations have been putting pressure on Iran government not make any effort to forcefully impose Sharia dress on women. This is because it is against the fundamental rights of women. However,

the Iran government has refused to bend before foreign pressure. They said that Iran is an Islamic nation and hence it will not go back from its decision to make mandatory the prescribed dress under Islamic Sharia.

According to Iran government, the passion that started among the women to wear western dress during the regime of

Raza Shah Pahlavi, was stopped following the Islamic revolution that took place in 1979 and a law has been made that it is mandatory for women to cover their head and neck. No woman can wear dress that displays her body. Last year, this law was strictly implemented and cameras were installed in public places in all major cities and moral police were directed that they immediately arrest the women who violates this law.

**Siasat** (September 20) in its editorial said that nationwide protest marches that began in Iran against declaring hijab as mandatory have stopped after a few days. However, the Islamic rule in Iran has received a huge jolt during this period. Iran has been facing economic problems due to the sanctions the US has imposed on the country. Following this, the possibility of Iran ending moral policing and strict implementation of hijab had increased due to pressure from the world. However, the Iran government's latest decision to create a law and award 10 year-jail term to those women who do not wear hijab and Islamic dress has proved all speculations of European nations and human rights organisations wrong. More than 1,000 people were killed in the protests that took place in Iran which included approximately 100 children as well and at least 10 people were awarded death sentence. The newspaper said that after the Islamic revolution in 1979, the Iranian government is determined to stop the increasing European influence in the country. That is

why it has decided to strongly implement the Sharia law. Its aim is to protect the existence of girls and women. Having no purdah is nakedness and its end result is illegal relationship between men and women. This illegal relationship is haram in Sharia and there is a provision for stringent punishment for it. The US by imposing stringent sanctions on Iran, tried

to ensure that Iran does not strictly implement the Islamic Sharia. Similarly, Ayatollah Khamenei wanted to strictly implement the dream of Islamic revolution and is in favour of implementing Islamic Sharia on society. Despite hectic efforts by the US, it has failed to stop the Iran government from implementing the Sharia law.

## Ban on co-education in Kuwait

**Inqilab** (September 17) reports that a ban has been imposed on co-education in Kuwait University. The media and some student organisations have opposed this step. They said that fundamentalism has won. They said the decision will be a serious blow to women's education in the country and the career of thousands of students will be destroyed. The new academic session in Kuwait University will begin on September 27. The government has announced that during this academic session, the male and female students cannot receive education together. Secondly, a dozen MPs in Kuwait have extended support to this decision and warned education minister Adel Al-Manea that he should not come under any kind of pressure and withdraw the decision. This is because this decision is based on Sharia. The Executive Director of the University Fayez Al-Dhafiri said that there is a ban on mingling of women and



men in Islam. We are implementing Islamic law and Sharia because Kuwait is an Islamic country. He assured that this decision will not affect the education of women in any manner. For them, separate classes will be arranged. It is to be noted that in Kuwait, it is mandatory for women to wear hijab. This apart, there is a ban on advertisements showing women wearing non-Islamic dress in the media.

## Al-Shabab terrorists kill hundreds of Ethiopian soldiers

**Inqilab** (September 19) states that the terrorists of Islamic terrorist organisation Al Shabab has killed hundreds of soldiers of Ethiopia in an ambush in Western Somalia. It has been officially admitted that the number of those killed was 167. Whereas non-governmental sources said that hundreds of Ethiopian soldiers were

killed in this attack. News portal 'Somali Guardian' quoting sources in Al-Shabab has claimed that nearly 1,000 Ethiopian soldiers were taken hostage by the cadre of Al-Shabab. The cadre of Al-Shabab also laid their hands on huge cache of military weapons. However, the Ethiopian Army has not made any comment on it so far.

According to the news portal, the armed terrorists of Al-Shabab sneaked through the border of Ethiopia and attacked the soldiers of Ethiopia. It is to be noted that Al-Shabab is a terrorist organisation which is linked to Al Qaida and Azad Kurd Militia.



As per another news, in a drone attack by Turkiye in northern Iraq, a special military officer of Kurdistan Workers Party and a dozen terrorists were killed. The Turkiye drone attacked a convoy of Kurd rebels. This organisation has been declared as a terrorist organisation by Turkiye, US and European Union and these rebels have been waging an armed

struggle against the Turkish government for the past three decades. In the past few days, this organisation had killed approximately 300 Turkish soldiers in a suicide attack in Turkish capital Istanbul.

## 28 terrorists of ISIS arrested in Iran



**Inquilab** (September 25) states that the Iranian government has claimed that it has arrested 28 terrorists of ISIS. These terrorists were planning terrorist attacks in Teheran. As per a statement issued by Iran's intelligence wing, raids were conducted on the secret bases of terrorists in Teheran, Alborz and Azerbaijan regions on the basis of information provided by Iran's intelligence agencies, during which 28 terrorists of ISIS were arrested. In this connection, it is worth mentioning that ISIS is a Sunni organisation and they are playing Holi with the blood of Shias in Afghanistan and Iran. The Iranian intelligence agency has also announced that on the occasion of

the anniversary of the murder of 22-year-old Kurd woman Mehsa Amini last year, the terrorists of ISIS were planning to explode bombs in dozens of places in the country. These people have been targeting Shias in Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. The Iran government claimed that

bombs, weapons and suicide jackets were seized in large quantity from the arrested persons. Two Iranian officials also died during this action. The government also claimed that this gang was planning to explode bombs in 30 places in the densely populated areas of Teheran on September 22.

**Urdu Times** (September 25) states that the aim of the arrested terrorists were to spread anarchy and violence in Iran so that an atmosphere could be created against the government among the people. The military has diffused 30 bombs which were seized from the people who were arrested. Government news agency 'Tasnim' has



claimed in a press release that the people who have been arrested belong to Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. The agency also claimed that the hands of this blood-thirsty terrorist organisation were behind the mass protests that took place against Iranian government last year. In 2017, the terrorists of ISIS exploded bombs in Iranian parliament. This apart, they also targeted the maqbara of the founder of Islamic revolution, Ruhollah *Khomeini*. In

October last year, 25 Iranian citizens were killed in a suicide attack on a mazar in Sirajnagar. Those who were caught had admitted that they had exploded seven bombs in Kabul in which nearly 500 people were killed. Majority of them were Shias and belong to the Hazara tribe. The Iranian government has claimed that following the arrest of this gang, the dangerous intentions of Sunni terrorist organisation ISIS has received a huge jolt.

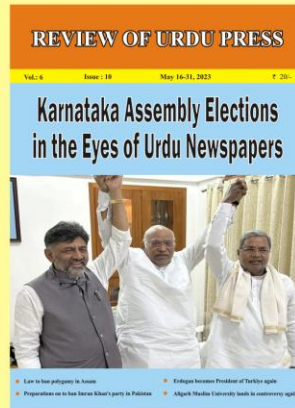
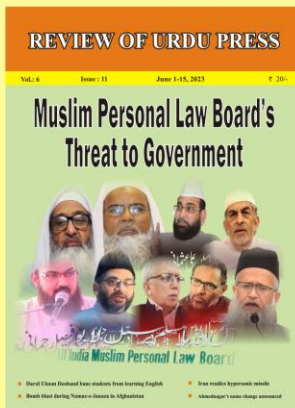
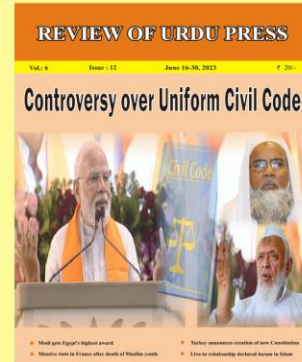
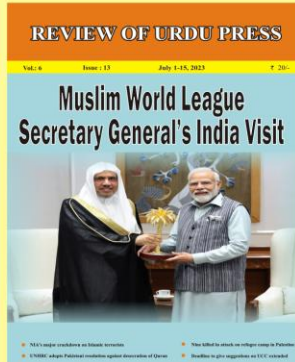
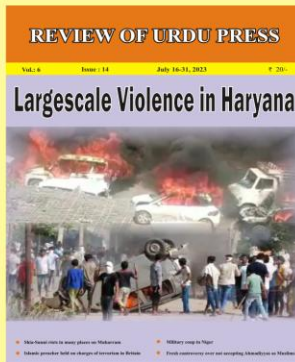
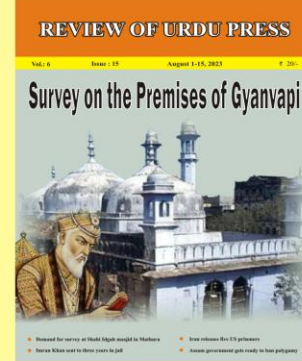
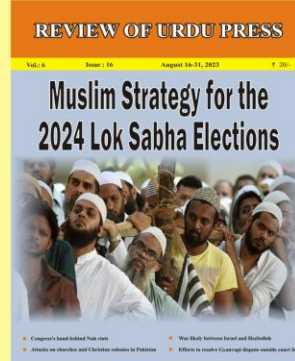
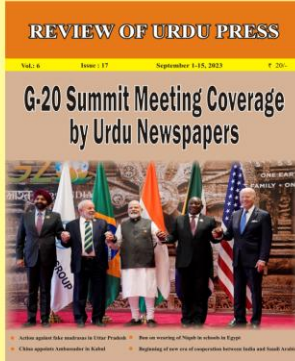
## Turkiye President meets Israel Prime Minister



**Etemaad** (September 21) reports that a meeting took place between Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York. The political circles have described this meeting as very important. It has been claimed in a statement issued from the office of Israel Prime Minister that the heads of the state of both the countries will soon make official visits to each other's country. According to Israeli newspapers, Recep Tayyip Erdogan during his visit to Israel also visited masjid Al-Aqsa. It is to be noted that in 2010, there occurred huge tension in the ties between Israel and Turkiye when Turkiye sent a ship to extend help to Hamas rebels during a blockade set up by Israel in Gaza. Israeli military attacked the ship and sank the ship and nine Turkiye soldiers aboard the ship were killed. In its report, the United Nations said that this action of Israel was in accordance with international law as the Turkish ship entered Israeli border in an illegal manner. In this connection, the force used by Israel was not right. Following this incident, Turkiye had cut off diplomatic

relationship with Israel and expelled the Israeli Ambassador from the country.

In 2016, both the countries tried to establish diplomatic relationship. However, during this time, the Israeli military killed 60 Palestinians in Gaza. These Palestinians were holding protest marches against opening of US Embassy in Jerusalem. Israel had also accused Turkiye of extending help to terrorist organisation Hamas. Last year, the relationship between the two countries improved a little when Israel President visited Turkiye. Following this, the foreign ministers of both the countries visited each other nation. However, later Israel made this allegation that Turkiye has been extending help to Islamic terrorists who are active in Israel. Following this, the issue of establishing diplomatic relationship between the two countries came to a head. Recently, following a meeting between Turkiye's President and Israel's Prime Minister, the possibility of the two countries once again establishing diplomatic relationship has increased. The media advisor to Turkey's President told correspondents that Turkiye and Israel could cooperate with each other in sectors like energy, new technology, Artificial Intelligence and cyber security. Israel has offered that it would cooperate with Turkiye on exploration of gas. The meeting between the leaders of two countries took place at a time when Israel's relationship with Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates has improved.



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