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Summary

The way Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended support to Israel and also condemned the terrorist attack following the onslaught on Israel by Hamas terrorists did not go down well with the Muslims and majority of the Opposition leaders in the country. Urdu newspapers wrote editorials criticising Modi government, saying he has supported the aggressor Israel instead of the victimised Palestinians and this is against the traditional foreign policy of Bharat. The Urdu newspapers said even former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had supported an independent Palestine and had urged Israel to vacate those territories that it had occupied during the war. The students of three well-known universities namely Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University and Jawaharlal Nehru University also held protests against the Palestine policy of Modi government. 'Save Al-Aqsa Masjid day' was observed in mosques across the country and Muslims held protest marches against Israel in different cities. However, the spokesperson of India's foreign ministry has made it clear that there was no change in the country's stand with regard to Palestine and it is in favour of an independent Palestine even today.

As soon as the poll bugle sounded for the Assembly elections in five states, Urdu newspapers urged Muslims to adopt a clear strategy for the polls and remove the anti-Muslim Modi government from power by voting against the BJP. Majority of the Urdu newspapers have described in detail the internal differences within BJP and expressed the opinion that the Sangh or high command of BJP, by overlooking the regional satraps, are making efforts to win the Assembly elections on the basis of Modi's face, which will prove costly for the BJP.

Despite all its efforts, the Modi government has not succeeded in breaking the backbone of Islamic terrorism. Recently, some terrorists linked to ISIS were arrested who were preparing to re-establish an Islamic rule in Bharat by 2047 through violent means under the 'Ghazwa-e-Hind Mission.' The interesting thing is that the accused who have been arrested are highly educated. Though the government has imposed a ban on Popular Front of India, its activities are continuing in a secret manner. Recently, intelligence agencies raided more than two dozen places in nine states in the country in order to destroy the network of Popular Front of India and seized several literature and electronic equipment linked to 'Ghazwa-e-Hind.'

Though the Muslim leaders and their 'secular' supporters keep singing the tone of Islamic unity, the truth is that the Muslim nations are engaged in destroying each other. Recently, the terrorists of banned Shia organisation People's Defence Forces carried out an attack on the Parliament of Turkiye. In the past also, Turkiye was targeted by Islamic terrorists. Turkiye's defence minister has claimed that those who attacked the Parliament of Turkiye are linked to Syria and they were given training in terrorism in their secret camps. It is to be noted that Syria and Kurds are both Shias while Turkiye is a Sunni nation.

The Pakistan government has announced that it would expel nearly 20 lakh Afghan citizens out of a total 40 lakh staying in the country by the beginning of next month. Pakistan's interior minister has claimed that these people have been staying in an illegal manner in Pakistan for several years and they are linked to thieves and terrorists. The Taliban government in Afghanistan has opposed this decision of Pakistan government. The official spokesperson of Taliban government, Zabiullah Mujahid, has alleged that since the Pakistan government has failed to take any action against terrorism, it is now targeting the citizens of Afghanistan in order to cover up their failures.

India in the network of Islamic terrorists



Inquilab (October 3) states that the special branch of Delhi Police has arrested three terrorists belonging to terrorist organisation ISIS. The arrested persons include an engineer Shahnawaz Alam alias Abdullah, Maulana Mohammad Rizwan Ashraf and Mohammad Arshad Barsi. The police have seized large quantities of explosives from their possession. Special Commissioner of Delhi Police H G S Dhaliwal said the intelligence agencies have been keeping an eye on those people belonging to terrorist organisation Indian Mujahideen and ISIS for a long time now. Along with this, the Delhi Police has traced several gangs associated with these terrorist organisations. These gangs belong to Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara. He claimed it was only last month that Delhi Police had announced a reward on the arrest of these terrorists. They were accused of committing several bomb blasts.

When the hideouts of these terrorists were raided, material meant for making bombs were seized in large quantity. Dhaliwal said that Maulana Mohammad Rizwan was arrested from Lucknow, Mohammad Arshad Barsi from Moradabad

and Shahnawaz from Jaitpur in Delhi. A reward of Rs 3 lakh was declared on the arrest of Shahnawaz. Some time ago, Shahnawaz had fled from the custody of Pune police. Illegal weapons and bomb-making material were seized from Shahnawaz. These terrorists were provided the material for making bombs by their masters sitting in Pakistan. Shahnawaz is a resident of Hazaribagh in Jharkhand. He studied Mining Engineering from Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology in Bengaluru and he has full knowledge on making bombs. In Bengaluru, Shahnawaz had trapped a Hindu girl, Basanti Patel, and she was converted to Islam after marriage and was named Khadija Mariyam.

Similarly, Mohammad Arshad Warsi also belongs to Jharkhand and he received higher education from Aligarh Muslim University. Currently, he is doing PhD from Jamia Millia Islamia. Maulana Mohammad Rizwan Ashraf belongs to Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh and he did B Tech in Computer Engineering from Ghaziabad.

Roznama Sahara (October 5) reports that the National Investigation



Agency (NIA) has found out during its probe that Shahnawaz Alam and Rizwan were influenced by the ideology of ISIS even during their student days. They had started following different Twitter accounts and other social media linked to ISIS. This apart, they had recruited many Muslim youths from Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand for the sleeper cells of ISIS. The police claimed that Farhatullah, an accused in the Akshardham temple attack, was their role model. Shahnawaz Alam is the eldest among his five brothers and sisters. He received his primary education from a renowned public school, St Xavier's, in Hazaribagh. After this, he left for Kota and later he did B Tech from Nagpur. While staying in Delhi, he came in contact with the fundamentalist Islamic lobby.

As per another news published in this newspaper, after the arrest of Rizwan Ashraf, who was nabbed on charges of keeping links with terrorist organisation ISIS, the intelligence agencies have started focusing on Azamgarh. It is to be noted that in the past also many terrorists having close links with Azamgarh were arrested. The names of several terrorists belonging to Azamgarh had surfaced in the past in many cases like Ahmedabad serial blasts, Mumbai bomb blasts, Varanasi blasts, murder of the owner of T-series company Gulshan Kumar and Batla House encounter case. Last year, one Sabahuddin Azmi belonging to Azamgarh was also arrested. In the past 30 years, whenever blasts took

place in the country, they were found to be connected to Azamgarh in one way or other. Till now, more than three dozen terrorists belonging to this district have been arrested. Many of them were killed in encounters. Many others are behind bars.

More than 250 people were killed in the serial bomb blasts that took place in Mumbai on March 12, 1993. In this connection, the names of Abu Salem and Abdul Qayoom Ansari had surfaced who are currently serving life-term in

jail. Both of them are residents of Sarai Mir in Azamgarh. After arriving in Mumbai, Abu Salem became close to underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and he killed T-Series owner Gulshan Kumar by shooting him at the behest of Dawood in 1997. Recently, a hearing in this connection took place in the high court in Mumbai and the court had refused to release them on bail.

Avadhnama (October 12) states that raids were conducted in 20 places across the country in search of terrorists belonging to Popular Front in Phulwari Sharif in Bihar. During this raid, important documents related to preparations made for establishing Islamic rule in the country by 2047 were seized. The NIA had started an investigation into this issue in 2022 and till now 13 accused have been arrested. The raids were conducted in six places in Okhla and Shaheen Bagh in Delhi. A senior official of NIA said that information had been received from intelligence sources that the Popular Front had been making preparations to trigger explosions during the G-20 summit being held in Delhi. He said the police in search of the people belonging to this gang conducted raids in Fazalpur, Shaheen Bagh, Okhla, Chandni Chowk, Bhopal, Mumbai, Thane, Tonk, Sriganganagar, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Sidharth Nagar, Sant Ravidas Nagar and Kanpur apart from Madurai in Tamil Nadu. During the raids, laptop, mobile phone, sim card, memory card, pen drive and hard disc were seized in huge numbers. During the

raid, fake notes worth Rs 8.5 lakh were also seized which the organisation received from foreign sources. As per this official, for the first time the gang was traced to Phulwari Sharif in Bihar during a raid. Till now, those who have been arrested in connection with Ghazwa-e-Hind include Athar Parvez, Mohammad Jalaluddin Khan, Nooruddin and Arman Malik alias Imtiaz Anwar. This gang was also found to be linked to banned terrorist organisation SIMI. The leader of this gang is Anwar Rashid, who has been undertaking activities under the pretext of a publishing house.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 13) reports that the NIA has raided the house of Abdul Wahid Sheikh, who highlights human rights issues. This man was also an accused in Mumbai bomb blasts. During his stay in jail, he had also written a book called 'Begunah Qaidi.' When Sheikh sought the identity cards of those who were conducting the raids, they refused to show him the same. When he sought a search warrant from the NIA, they did not have it either. Following this, the NIA personnel forced open the door and entered the house of Wahid Sheikh. Later the lawyer of Sheikh, Ibrahim Harbat also reached the spot and he sought a legal notice from those conducting the raid following which the NIA showed him some documents. However, Ibrahim Harbat refused to accept these documents. Abdul Wahid Sheikh told Mumbai Urdu News that though he had been acquitted in the bomb blasts case, the government agencies are deliberately harassing him. Recently, he had also written a book on Ishrat Jahan case as well. The newspaper claimed that after the Modi government came to power, an effort is being made to destroy every such Muslim in the country who has been trying to create awareness among Muslims about Islam and his civil rights.

Urdu Times (October 13) in its editorial said the intelligence agencies have

once again become active as soon as the buzz about elections began. Raids are being conducted in all places and only Muslims are being made targets of these raids. We don't know why this is being done? However, Muslims are linked to ISIS and action is being taken against them. Only intelligence agencies know how much truth is there in this allegations or may be those people at power know it, at whose behest all these are being done. The NIA recently raided more than 20 places across the country. We can't say what is being investigated. However, what is the justification for raiding the house of Abdul Wahid Sheikh, who has been raising his voices for human rights, at 5'O clock in the morning? The court had acquitted him on charges of terrorism. The government and the investigating agencies were worried over the campaign that he has unleashed across the country to create awareness among Muslims and to make them aware about their legal rights. If the investigating agencies wanted to search his house, they should have identity cards and search warrants with them. Why they kept their identity secret? Why the local police blindly accompanied them? There are several such issues on which who will give answers?

The newspaper asked as to can't Muslims live in this country with dignity? What will a poor Muslim get by maintaining links with ISIS? It is the handiwork of the investigation agency to arrest innocent people through illegal means. Muslims are kept in jails for years and when the investigating agencies fail to establish charges against them in the court, they are released. But no action is taken against those people who keep innocents in jail for years. What we understand is that these investigating agencies, especially NIA, has been activated so that a fear is created among the Muslims about the gang that has come to power so that they do not take part in the elections.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh targeted by Muslim leaders

Avadhnama (October 2) has published an article written by Obaidullah Nasir in which it has been alleged that RSS has been trying to change the form of Hindu religion and Hindustan. Nasir started his article with a couplet.

‘Ek do jakhm nahi saara badan hai chhalni, dard be-chara pareshan hai, kahan se uthe’
The writer has alleged in his article that atrocities are taking place on Hindustani Muslims for the past 10 years and their life has been made difficult. Efforts are being made to slowly separate them from the country and it is a painful story. It is not that earlier everything was fine in this country. Riots used to take place and these riots have taken the lives of not just thousands, but lakhs of people. Properties worth billions were set on fire. The proportion of Muslims in government jobs are coming down fast. But there are also certain things, which creates a ray of hope. The first is that lakhs of Hindus stand in support of Muslims in the face of several thousands of rioters. Earlier, there was no division in society on the basis of religion and there was never such hatred towards Muslims. The previous governments never openly displayed Muslim animosity.

The writer said if one looks at the Hindustan before and after 2014, one could see the difference between the sky and paatal. It is not that just Hindustan has changed, even the Hindu religion has changed. If it has not changed, then a mentally handicapped Muslim youth, who had taken a banana from a Ganesh pandal and eaten it would not have been so brutally thrashed that he died. On hearing this news, an anecdote from renowned poet Late Khursheed Afsar came to my mind. He had written that during his childhood, he and his friend used to steal the Prasad from the mandir in Aksar village. We were caught. We were produced before the pujari. He listened to the incident and he caressed our head as a sign of love. He

admonished those who caught us and said it was the Prasad of Bhagwan. If the bal bhagwans had eaten it, what is there to worry about it.

Mentioning about a similar incident in Ayodhya, journalist late Layek Akhtar had written that a few miscreants of Ayodhya used to harass the young daughter of a Muslim widow. Fed up with it, the widow approached the senior mahant ji and apprised him of the entire incident. The mahant ji soon sent his few disciples and caught hold of the miscreants and beat them badly. Then he told the widow that she should marry off her daughter as early as possible. The widow said they were financially very poor. The mahant ji told her to find her a groom and the wedding will be organised by the temple. But now the world has changed. RSS thinker Guru Golwalkar in his book ‘We or our nationhood defined’ has described about the three internal enemies in the country— Muslims, Christians and Communists. He was not in favour of giving them any constitutional rights in the country. Originally, he was against the Constitution as well. He said when we have the Manusmriti written by Rishi-Munis, then what is the need for us to have a new Constitution?

The writer said that Bharat was functioning as per the Constitution till 2013. However, after 2014, as soon as the Modi era began, everything has changed. No such day passes without an attack on a Christian or Muslim at any corner of the country over a petty issue. The rogues of Bajrang Dal carrying religious flags have become the defenders of religion and the police who are expected to protect the law either sides with them or become a mute spectator. In such a situation, if an official takes action as per law, then those in power take action against such official with utter shamelessness, something which happened with the police chief in Bareilly recently.

We get a glimpse of new Hindustan from whatever BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri had done in the new parliament building. The RSS has given the message through Ramesh Bidhuri that the respect and honour of Muslim is not safe even inside the Parliament. Muslims across the world are not oblivious to whatever is happening in Hindustan. Similarly, the Hindu religion, which is considered as the most liberal religion in the world, is now trapped in the grip of fundamentalism. Whatever is happening in the name of Bhagwan Ram is totally against his teachings, ideology and dignity.

Inquilab (October 9) has published an article written by Aadil Afroz in which it has been stated that it is a bitter truth that in independent India, the Muslims were never given their due rights. But we remained secular. In order to keep them optimistic, some posts were handed over to them. For the past few years, the way the hate-filled agenda of saffron organisations has been promoted at the governmental level cannot be forgotten. The Hindustan that has been described as a heaven has been converted into a hell. Attacks on religious processions had taken place regularly. However, the freedom of religion and belief was never curtailed. Now the identity of Muslims is also under attack. Ban is imposed on namaz as well. Children are taught classes on hatred in schools. The Shakhas of saffron organisations are spread across the country. These shakhas have a full grip on the administration. The administration does not dare to conduct investigation on anyone belonging to saffron organisations on any charges or arrest them. The government and non-government employees are members of these shakhas.

The writer said that the history of Bharat is being presented in a wrong manner due to which feelings of religious hatred are rapidly growing in schools. Last year, many Muslim thinkers held a meeting with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. Mohan Bhagwat has assured them that the incidents of mob lynching taking place

against Muslims will be stopped. However, he did not take any action at the ground level. Later these thinkers and intellectuals issued a statement stating that there is huge difference between Mohan Bhagwat's sayings and practice.

In an article published in **Inquilab** (October 9), Muslim thinker Maulana Abdul Hamid Nomani has alleged that an effort is being made to divert the stand of Muslims in a wrong direction instead of finding real solutions to their problems. It is being done so that the truth remains concealed and the people could be distracted from real issues. Hinduwadi thinkers like K R Malkani had reached the conclusion after much thinking that in order to find solutions to problems, it is necessary that a strong relationship shall be established with Muslims. Hence efforts were being made from the side of Muslims that the relationship between Hindus and Muslims should improve. Even recently, some people at the behest of many Muslim organisations like Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, Jamaat-e-Islami, Milli Council and Jamiat Ahle Hadis placed certain things before the RSS and tried to improve the relationship. However, no serious step has been taken from the side of RSS in this direction. In the past few days, many statements of Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat regarding bringing Muslims closer and improving mutual relationships came to the fore. However, the Sangh chief has not succeeded in fulfilling these statements. The chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Arshad Madani, has also pointed out this. While criticising the stand and the role of Dr Mohan Bhagwat and RSS, he said that the RSS has gone back from the promise that they had given us regarding communal harmony.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 13) in its editorial said that sometimes Mohan Bhagwat says that all the Muslims who stay in this country are Hindus. Sometimes he says that only the mode of worship is different, otherwise we all are same. His meaning for all being one is that we are all Hindus. Recently, while addressing a

function in national capital Delhi, Mohan Bhagwat said that 'Hindustan teaches the world that it is not unity in diversity, instead it is diversity in unity'. If one decodes this sentence of Bhagwat, its meaning also comes out what he has been saying for a long time that all those who stay in this country are Hindus. The founders of RSS have visualised this country as a Hindu



Rashtra and hence he will never accept the slogan of unity in diversity. According to him, all are Hindus. Its one meaning is that the origin of separate streams of various religions is the same and that is the Hindu religion. However, this is not true. The truth is that there are countless religions in the country. There are hundreds of castes. However, despite all this we are all Hindustanis. The difference is that of Hindu and Hindustani. Bhagwat has been trying for a long time to erase this. However, it is not possible to erase it.

The newspaper said that by coming out with the caste survey, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has thrown the entire saffron group into disarray. The higher caste Hindus is even less than 15% of the population. Nearly 85% are OBC, EBC and other people which includes Muslims as well and they are 17% of the population of Bihar. Now Bhagwat is confused as to how to accommodate all these different castes if they stand up for their rights.

That is why he has unleashed this new lie. However, everybody knows that this slogan filled with deception is being used just to seize power. Everybody knows that the RSS never talked about the welfare of backward communities. Even if they have done it, then the reason for it is politics only. When the Mandal era came, they raked up the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi dispute in order to push

forward the Kamandal and destroyed Babri Masjid by bringing together all backward classes including OBCs to the Hindutva stream. The destruction of masjid has brought BJP, the political wing of RSS, to power.

Taasir (October 15) in its editorial said that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has unleashed a campaign to bring non-Hindus closer to BJP in order to seize power. The BJP is trying to bring Sufi Muslims staying in Khanqahs and dargahs to its camp ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in 2024. The reins of this campaign is given to the minority morcha of BJP. In this connection, 150 Sufis have been enlisted so far. These people will go to every district in Uttar Pradesh and meet the leaders of BJP and will take this work forward in consultation with them. In order to run this campaign, these Sufi Muslims and office-bearers of minority morcha were given special training at the Uttar Pradesh office. They were told how to go along with minorities especially those following the Sufi faith and how to tell them what the BJP had done for the minorities.

State president of Uttar Pradesh minorities morcha, Kunwar Basit Ali, said that Muslim Ulema and Sufi Muslims will be included in this campaign. These people will try to remove the misunderstandings spread among the minds of Muslims regarding the BJP. The Muslims will also be told what all the state governments of BJP and the Central government are doing



campaign for holding talks with Sufis are being held in Muslim-majority areas. Seminars will be held in these regions. To fulfil this aim, those Lok Sabha constituencies have been selected where the population of Muslims is 20 percent or more. As part of this campaign, people belonging to Muslim community will be contacted at their houses

to bring changes in the life of Muslims and what all ways they want to bring more and more benefits to Muslims through their welfare programmes. They also said that the reason behind running this campaign is to make the ideology of BJP reach Sufi Muslims. Those belonging to Ajmer Sharif and Nizamuddin Aulia Dargah have also been taken along in this campaign. The BJP will reach out to nearly one thousand mazars and dargahs.

National president of BJP's minority morcha, Jamal Siddiqui, said the BJP is trying to reach out to all minorities. The

and discussions will be held with them. Qawwalis will be organised in dargahs. The BJP believes that the maximum benefits from the projects of the Central government and state governments are for those who go to dargahs and mazars. This is because majority of them belong to backward class. The party also believes that nearly eight percent Muslims voted for BJP in the Assembly elections held in Uttar Pradesh in 2022. In the bye elections held for Rampur and Azamgarh Lok Sabha elections, the Muslims played a special role in the victory of BJP.

Accused in Batla House encounter case gets relief from high court

Urdu Times (October 13) reports that the Delhi High Court has commuted the death sentence awarded by a Saket court to the main accused in the Batla House encounter case, Ariz Khan, to life imprisonment. It is to be noted that in this encounter that took place in 2008, Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma was shot dead. The Saket court delivered the verdict in this case in 2021 and after finding Ariz Khan guilty, awarded him death sentence. Ariz Khan alias Junaid had been absconding for more than a decade. He was apprehended by the special branch of Delhi Police in 2018. A division bench of Delhi High Court comprising of Justice Sidharth

Mridul and Justice Amit Sharma was hearing a petition questioning the award of death sentence.

It is to be noted that Additional Sessions Judge Sandeep Yadav found the accused guilty under sections 186, 333, 353, 302, 397 of Indian Penal Code and Section 27 of Arms Act. While awarding the death sentence, the court said that from the documents and the scientific evidence presented by the government pleader, it has been established that Ariz Khan and his colleagues has stopped the official duty of Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma and killed him. The court had accepted that the killing of a police officer in uniform comes under

the 'rarest of the rare' category and hence the accused is being awarded death sentence.

The division bench of the high court in its 105-page verdict has accepted that Ariz Khan had actively taken part in terrorist activities. He was receiving higher education. However, in between he came in contact with those involved in illegal activities and became a terrorist. The



division bench said that this encounter was not planned in advance. As soon as a police team headed by Delhi Police inspector Mohan Chand Sharma reached Flat No. L 18 in Batla House in search of some suspected people in connection with the investigation into serial bomb blasts that took place in five places in Delhi, firing started from inside the flat. Inspector Mohan Chand suffered several bullet shots. He was taken to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. Meanwhile, the police killed two terrorists on the spot. One terrorist, Shahjaz, landed in police custody after a few hours. Ariz Khan had escaped from the spot. He was arrested on February 14, 2018. The court in Saket awarded Ariz Khan death sentence on March 8, 2021 after finding him guilty and also imposed a fine of Rs 11 lakh on him.

The division bench said we wanted to give an opportunity for the accused to reform. The court said that a 23-year-old youth who received higher education may get carried away. In such a case, an attempt could be made to reform him by keeping him behind the bars. The division bench said that many such points have come to

the fore which could not confirm that the bullets received by inspector Mohan Chand Sharma was fired by Ariz Khan. However, the court admitted that he is a terrorist and hence it is appropriate to term him as a murderer.

It is to be noted that bomb blasts took place in five places in Delhi on September 13, 2008 in which 39 people were killed. On September 19, the special branch of Delhi police received information that some suspected terrorists were hiding in Batla House. However, the police had no information that five accused were hiding in the flat. Martyred police inspector Mohan Chand Sharma's wife Maya Sharma has expressed surprise over Delhi High Court's decision to commute the death sentence awarded to Ariz Khan to life-term in jail and said the decision will have a negative effect on the mental strength of Delhi Police employees. She said the sessions court had admitted that it was a rarest of the rare case. In such a situation is it appropriate to commute his death sentence to life term in jail? Maya Sharma said she is thinking about approaching the Supreme Court against this verdict.

Elections in five states and Muslims



Siasat (October 13) in its editorial said that as the polling day for the Assembly elections in five states comes closer, different political parties are trying to woo different communities and elicit their support. As far the question of BJP is concerned, whether the elections are for five states or the entire country, it is not ready to give any importance to Muslims. May be a Muslim candidate could be fielded in any state as candidate of BJP in the electoral field. The BJP is slowly implementing the policy of keeping Muslims away from politics. If this policy had benefitted the party in some states, in other states it has damaged its prospects as well. The most important thing in this entire game is that how much awareness is there among the Muslims. A feeling should arise among Muslims who is weakening them by using them politically and enjoying the taste of power on their own by making them the sacrificial goat.

The newspaper said that there is this general opinion regarding Muslims that they do not fully support any party or candidate. Whether its Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh or Chhattisgarh or Telangana, Muslims need to prepare a well-designed

policy. Initially, Muslims in states like Uttar Pradesh, while displaying prudence and political awareness, used their votes collectively, resulting in huge defeat for BJP and the Samajwadi Party had come to power. This is not limited to Uttar Pradesh. Wherever Muslims got united and used their votes, there opportunistic and communal elements had utterly failed. Due to this, the importance of Muslims increased in politics. Hence it is necessary that this time also Muslims should collectively give their votes for any one party which could defeat the BJP.

In this connection, it is also worth mentioning that the Assembly elections in these five states will not be limited to these states, but its effect will be on the forthcoming parliamentary elections as well. Let the Muslims support whichever party they want, but they should ensure that the party which they support is not connected to the BJP in any manner. The past records should also be taken into account, that whichever party in whatever occasions had indirectly or directly supported the BJP. The people who are appealing to Muslims to support such parties should be necessarily asked whether

they are taking the entire community for a ride due to their vested interests?

The newspaper said the Muslims should adopt a strategy which would enable them to increase their representation and get an advantageous position in the society. There should be improvement in the political, social, financial and educational level of Muslims and they should get appropriate participation in the development process. Today, every section of the society, in order to achieve the benefits of development, is insisting on their share. They are fighting for their rights. In order to get their legitimate share, Muslims need to adopt a comprehensive strategy apart from political foresight and prudence. Just by becoming emotional or being enslaved by traditions will not help improve their position. If they want to change their situation, they have to prepare themselves for it. Muslims should always remember that nobody should extend support to BJP for their vested interests or political compulsions and should be prepared to do it. The danger that we are likely to face in future should be understood on time and the strategy should be prepared accordingly. While staying within the limits of the Constitution and the law, one should not shy away from using the votes to defeat such elements who become toys in the hands of sectarian forces due to their vested interests. The elections in these states is a golden opportunity for Muslims to display their political farsightedness in a collective manner.

Urdu Times (October 13) in its editorial said the elections in the four states has created a ruckus. The BJP is fighting this election under its central leadership and on the strength of a single person and like every time the BJP high command has taken all the important decisions into its own hands. Due to this policy, the leaders in different states are feeling harassed, though they are not in a situation to do anything. However, the situation in Rajasthan is not like that. The way the Modi-Shah duo sidelined the leadership in

every state, they have done the same in Rajasthan as well. No attention is paid to Vasundhara Raje Scindia, who was the chief minister twice. The fact is that Prime Minister Modi did not even mention her name in any of the speeches, nor did he mention about any of the projects being introduced during her regime.

The newspaper said that Vasundhara Raje is being ignored on the election platform. The high command keeps to itself the decision on who should be given the ticket. The BJP has gone into the field without discussing the name of a chief ministerial candidate. Vasundhara Raje and her supporters are not liking this stand of the party. In the first list of the candidates released by the party, no supporter of Vasundhara Raje was given the ticket. Vasundhara Raje came out openly in the field against this and was in a mood to fight with the party high command. Nearly 25 candidates of Vasundhara Raje group have announced to contest elections as independent candidates. This is the first time after Modi came to power at the Centre that the biggest leader in Rajasthan has come out openly in the field against the high command. As per some talks in the political circles, Vasundhara Raje has given the signal to field her 52 supporters as independents in the field. Vasundhara Raje knows the politics of the state very well and she has a stronghold on the politics. She also has a long line of loyalists. Vasundhara Raje is in a fully rebellious mood and her aim is to defeat the BJP rather than win the elections.

Hamara Samaj (October 11) in its editorial said that in the Assembly elections to be held in the five states next month, the BJP will be directly fighting the Congress. The campaign undertaken by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi through the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' by walking from Kanyakumari to Kashmir have had a huge impact on common people. The newspaper said that in reality, this policy of Rahul Gandhi is against the policy of the BJP and RSS through which the Sangh Parivar wants to divide the country to pieces and make the

Hindus and Muslims fight against each other and dream about remaining in power for ever.

The newspaper said the Congress has taken this another step where 28 parties have come together to form INDIA alliance. The BJP has become quite scared of this alliance. Rahul Gandhi has strongly raised the issue of OBCs both inside and outside the parliament. The BJP is in power in many states. However, only one of their chief ministers belong to OBC community and he too is likely to go.

Etemaad (October 1) in its editorial said the Assembly elections is fast approaching in Telangana. However, the condition of BJP is going from bad to worse every day. Due to the internal differences between its leaders, there is no enthusiasm among its workers which were not showing till a few months ago. In connection with the Hyderabad Liberation Day, when Home Minister Amit Shah visited Hyderabad, there were mostly vacant chairs in the audience, which was evidence of the weakened position of BJP in Telangana.

Hamara Samaj (October 15) in its editorial has predicted that the INDIA alliance will be able to make its presence felt in the Assembly elections being held in five states. As of now, the situation is that the parties belonging to Opposition alliance are not being able to do anything before the BJP except making requests. Till now, they were not able to successfully highlight the difference between the words and actions of the Modi government before the people. The result is that the BJP, under the leadership of Modi and Shah, is galloping towards success and the Opposition has failed to make the people accept even their existence. The question here is will the Congress party been able to repeat the victory that it managed in Karnataka in



these elections? Till now, the BJP has been able to remain in power by making the Hindus and Muslims fight against each other.

It is a fact that in 2014, the BJP ended the UPA government rule by making corruption as the prominent issue. However, even during the BJP rule, neither the corruption ended nor the people got any kind of benefits. Under the current regime, there is an increase in corruption and the people are trapped in the spiralling inflation. However, the BJP has increased the hatred to such a way that the people are unable to focus on their failures or on their own difficulties.

Salar (October 1) in its editorial said that former Union minister and senior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has claimed that Prime Minister Modi has become a great brand of democracy and by ending family politics he has become a 'global hero of ground zero.' We were very much surprised to hear such phrases of Naqvi. The way the Modi government has denied him a place in cabinet and membership of Rajya Sabha might have hurt his self-respect. However, the way he has been trying to praise Modi by describing him as the messiah of democracy, something else seems to be happening from that. In the past nine years, the way Hindustan has been going down in the world platform in terms of democracy, freedom of expression or press freedom and hunger index, that gives a clear indication of the worsening situation. What all has Modi, who describes



himself as Vishwa guru, not done to weaken the democracy? The way secularism and socialism are being silently removed from the Constitution of the country, even after that if Modi has been described as a brand of democracy, then such a democracy is outside our understanding.

Taasir (October 2) in its editorial said it is difficult to predict when the camel of Opposition parties, who have formed the alliance called INDIA for the Lok Sabha elections, will sit and on which side. This is because in Bihar the voice has again started in hushed tones that a person with a social and political understanding like Nitish Kumar should sit on the chair of the Prime Minister. On the other hand, the eyes of Congress are also on the chair of the Prime Minister. However, Nitish Kumar has time and again said he was not a candidate for Prime Ministership. However, ever since Janata Dal (United) and RJD have come together once again, RJD has been supporting the demand for making Nitish Kumar the Prime Minister. Senior leader of RJD, Bhai Virendra said that Nitish Kumar is the most eligible person for Prime Minister's post.

Meanwhile, Congress General Secretary Tariq Anwar said Nitish Kumar had himself said several times that he was not keen on the Prime Minister's post. If INDIA comes to power, a decision will be taken after the elections who will be the prime minister of the country. The INDIA vehicle seems to be stuck in Punjab. There Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira was

arrested recently and tension has arisen between the Aam Aadmi Party government and Congress.

Siasat (October 2) in its editorial said that after the announcement of Assembly elections in five states, the difficulties of BJP are swiftly increasing in these states. In Rajasthan, the possibility of Congress coming back to power has increased.

This is the reason why the BJP is seeking votes in the name of Narendra Modi after overlooking the regional leadership in all these states. The situation in Madhya Pradesh has become like Karnataka and many leaders of BJP have started joining Congress. The BJP clearly understands the internal strife within the party in different states and that is why it wants to seek votes in the name of Prime Minister Modi. Efforts are being made to limit BJP to two individuals and one face. This effort was made in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka which proved to be a failure. The Bhupesh Baghel government in Chhattisgarh has the support of people and there the BJP has not been able to show its colour so far. Similarly, in Telangana also the BJP has gone to the third or fourth position. There the electoral fight is between Congress and BRS. The incidents of Manipur could affect the elections scheduled in Mizoram.

Etemaad (October 10) in its editorial said that in Telangana, the BRS will be directly fighting the alliance of Opposition parties. Chandrashekhar Rao is so insecure about his victory that he had announced candidates for 115 seats out of total 119 seats even before the announcement of the elections.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (October 9) in its editorial, while commenting about the Assembly elections in five states, said the way the BJP and RSS high command has overlooked their regional leadership and acting arbitrarily, that will become the reason for the defeat of BJP in these states.

Prime Minister Modi targeted by Urdu newspapers



Hamara Samaj (October 11) in its editorial said the statement given by Prime Minister Modi extending support to Israel was not an intelligent one. The surprising thing is that even in our Bharat, voices have started rising that Israel is also a victim country like Bharat, against which Palestine is doing terrorist activities like Pakistan. That is why Bharat has declared that it stands with Israel. Now if this principle is applied one way, we want to ask Prime Minister Modi who is the victim nation? The Prime Minister has said on twitter that Israel has been dealt a severe blow in the terrorist attack. Our prayers are with Israel and we stand with Israel in this difficult hours. However, before issuing such a statement, the Prime Minister was not even able to look at the Palestine-Israel dispute by rising above Islamophobia. He does not even realise that he has spread so much hatred against Islam and Muslims that the moment he speaks his pet disciples will put so many matchsticks in to the fire that he himself will not be able to control it.

The newspaper said the BJP wants to make Hamas-Israel war as its main issue. This is the reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi had described the attack by

Hamas as a terrorist attack on Israel and said his government stands with Israel. This policy of Narendra Modi is totally different from that of previous governments. Congress governments have been continuously supporting Palestinians. Even Atal Bihari Vajpayee had given a statement on the side of Palestine and had talked about Israel vacating occupied regions. The opinion of Narendra Modi about Hamas is that they are Muslims and Israel is the biggest enemy of Muslims. Like in Hindustan where the Sangh Parivar is the foremost among enmity to Muslims. In any case, Israel is enemy number 1 for Arab nations and to Muslims across the world. This is the reason why Narendra Modi wants to make Hindu-Muslim issue an election issue in order to keep Hindu brothers happy. Palestine is a victim nation. Hamas is fighting for the rights of Muslims and Palestinians. Even though the rulers of Arab nations do not openly say anything at the face of Narendra Modi, the people of Arab nations are not happy about the policies of Modi government.

The newspaper said that the Prime Minister and the people of his party, who consider themselves as experts on foreign

policy, do not have much idea about the seriousness of this issue which a professor of any university or an editor of any newspaper has got. A professor of Jamia Milia Islamia said that a feeling has arisen at international level that only a Muslim can become a terrorist and there cannot be any other terrorist. India government also suffers from this thinking. Here it is also important to remember that when we talk about Israel and Palestine, we forget about the basic disputes. We tend to forget that Israel had occupied the territories of Arabs. Unfortunately, a sentiment has arisen inside Arabs also that let leave Palestine and make relationship with Israel. We want to give this message to the people of Palestine that there is nobody with you and you are alone. This is your own war. Either you fight or you perish without a fight. If Arab nations do not display honesty, then there is a possibility that the people of Arab countries come out on the streets against their rulers. As far as Bharat is concerned, its current leader Narendra Modi, by announcing to stand with Israel, delivered a huge blow to the stand of Bharat at international level.

Urdu Times (October 11) in its editorial said the foreign policy of any country is formed after understanding the sentiments of the people who reside in the country. However, the situation in our country is a unique one. Here, those who occupy the power make policies as per their wishes. This is the reason why more than half of the world have not recognised Israel. Even then India had given recognition to it. During Congress regime, the government used to tread cautiously. However, the Modi government has openly extended its hands of friendship to Israel. This is the reason why in the past days when Hamas carried out a sudden attack on Israel, two countries openly came forward to sympathise with it, and they are the US and India. The US had a compulsion. But Bharat has no compulsion. India knows it very well how much oppression that Israel is inflicting on Palestine. The US is



standing with Israel in order to divide Palestine into two pieces. The mountains of oppression and atrocities on Muslims of Gaza are increasing. Only Hamas stands with the victims of Gaza and today they have become powerful, which has been branded as an outright terrorist organisation. While is there any bigger terrorist than Israel? Despite this, some countries do not accept them as terrorists. Israel has proved its mettle among the countries in the world in the field of espionage. The headquarters of the organisation 'Abhinav Bharat' which is running the campaign to make Bharat as Hindu Rashtra, is Tel Aviv.

The newspaper said we have objection to the statement of Prime Minister against Hamas. Prime Minister Modi is unable to hear the screams of unarmed innocent children who are being gunned down by the ruthless Army of Israel. The entire Gaza has been blocked. Rocket attacks continue. The buildings are reduced to rubble. However, despite all this, don't know why Bharat is standing with Israel. If all the Arab nations spit on Israel, then that country will go down the drain. But don't know due to what compulsion the Arab nations are sleeping and even they are trying to establish diplomatic relationship with Israel. The crimes of Israel have reached its peak. Muslims are stopped from offering namaz at Masjid Al-Aqsa. Small unarmed innocent children are being killed. Forced by all these things, Hamas has taken this



University, Jamia Millia Islamia and Jawaharlal Nehru University held protests to oppose the policy of Indian government supporting Israel and extended support to the people of Palestine. The newspaper said that the Delhi Police had even registered a case in this connection. On the other

step. Now Israel has gone mad and attacking innocent Muslims and there is a need to stop it.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (October 12) in its editorial has criticised the support extended by Narendra Modi to Israel and said the Indian government, instead of supporting the victimised Palestinians, has been showing a wrong example by supporting the attacker Israel. The BJP has accused the Congress of appeasing Muslims by not condemning the terrorist attack by Hamas. In a tweet, Union minister Prahlad Joshi said, ‘When Congress supports terrorism, then how will it stop terrorism in the country.’

Inquilab (October 12) in its editorial requested the Indian government that it should reconsider its stand that it has adopted in the Palestine-Israel issue. Never before in the past we had given preference to Israel on the Palestine issue. From Independence till now every government has supported Palestine and all the governments had condemned the Israeli attack.

Sahafat (October 12) in its editorial said that one cannot support the assurance given by Narendra Modi after dialling Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu that Bharat stands with Israel. Hence the Indian government has to reconsider its policy on this issue and should stress that the Palestinian issue should be resolved through talks.

Akhbare-e-Mashriq (October 11) reports that the students of Aligarh Muslim

University, the Uttar Pradesh police registered a case against four student leaders of Aligarh Muslim University.

Inquilab (October 14) has published a news as its main item and said that special prayers were offered in the masjids across the country for the victory of Palestinian Muslims and condemned the attack by Israel. Muslims held protests in favour of Palestinian Muslims in many places like Jantar Mantar in Delhi, Hyderabad, Kashmir, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Maharashtra and condemned the Israeli attack.

As per another news, the chief of Darul Uloom Deoband, Abul Qasim Nomani urged Prime Minister Modi that he should reconsider his foreign policy and condemn Israel.

Inquilab (October 13) reports that Jamaat-e-Islami, Jamiat-Ulema-e-Hind, Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat and Welfare Party of India have demanded the Indian government that it reconsider its policy on the issue of the dispute between Palestine and Israel. This is because the present policy is not in the interests of the people of Bharat.

Inquilab (October 13) reports that the spokesperson of foreign affairs ministry Arindam Bagchi said that Bharat sticks to its old policy regarding the Palestinian issue. Bharat had always been arguing for the establishment of an independent and autonomous Palestine and we still stick to our old policy.

Tension over expulsion of lakhs of Afghans from Pakistan



Huge tension has arisen between Pakistan and Afghanistan due to the decision taken by Pakistan government to expel lakhs of Afghan citizens staying in the country and forcefully sent them back to their country.

Urdu Times (October 4) reports that the Pakistan government has decided that the foreign citizens staying illegally in the country shall be forcefully sent back to their country by the end of this month. The greatest impact of this decision will be on the Afghan citizens staying in Pakistan. The decision to send the foreign citizens staying illegally in Pakistan to their native countries was taken at a high-level meeting.

Pakistan's caretaker prime minister Anwar-ul Haq Kakkar told correspondents that all foreign citizens will be sent back to their native countries by October 31. He said those foreign citizens staying in Pakistan will have to sell their properties within a month, otherwise all their immovable properties will be seized by the Pakistan government. He made it clear that

only those Afghan citizens who keep registration documents with them will have the right to stay back in Pakistan. He said that after October 31, the police and paramilitary forces will start arresting foreign citizens staying illegally in the country. After November 1, no Afghanistan citizen will be allowed to enter Pakistan without a passport and visa. He warned that stringent action will also be taken against those Pakistanis who give refuge to the foreign citizens and provide them accommodation. He said that many Afghan citizens have been staying in Pakistan on the basis of fake identity cards. The intelligence agencies of Pakistan government have been directed that they lookout for such foreign citizens and arrest them. He said that this decision has been taken due to increasing thefts and terrorist incidents in the country.

Inquilab (October 13) states that the Pakistan government has stepped up its effort to arrest Afghan citizens staying in the country so that they could be deported

back to their country before the scheduled time. According to non-government sources, so far more than 10,000 Afghan citizens have been forcefully sent back to their country.

Etemaad (October 5) reports that Afghan government spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid has threatened Pakistan government that they should reconsider their decision to forcefully expel Afghan citizens from the country, otherwise they will have to face serious consequences. He rejected the claim that Afghan citizens are taking part in terrorist activities. He claimed that these Afghan citizens have been staying in Pakistan for years. Hence the decision to forcefully expel them is inappropriate. The Pakistan government should have accommodated them. They will go out of Pakistan whenever they feel like doing it. Pakistan's interior minister Sarfraz Bugti claimed that the hands of Afghanistan citizens were found in majority of the suicide attacks that took place in country this year. He said the 17 to 18 lakh Afghan citizens staying in the country do not have any legal documents with them. He claimed that currently a total of 44 lakh Afghans are staying in the country. For the past several decades, the reason for the atmosphere of violence prevailing in the country, is that the Pakistan government has allowed these Afghan citizens to enter the country on humanitarian basis.

Hamara Samaj (October 6) states that a prominent leader of Pakistan People's Party, Farhatullah Babar, has accused the Pakistan government that these Afghan refugees are staying in Pakistan as part of a tri-partite agreement and the ruling party is expelling the Afghan citizens from the country in order to collect the votes of Pakistanis in the forthcoming elections. The Afghanistan Embassy



situated in Islamabad has accused the Punjab and Sindh police that they have been arresting lakhs of Afghan citizens in an illegal manner and they are being evicted from their houses. However, they have the legal documents with them for their stay in Pakistan.

As per another news published in the same newspaper, the Pakistan government, under the transit trade agreement, has imposed restrictions in sending 212 different items from Pakistan to Afghanistan. Nearly 17 types of clothes, vehicles tyres and parts, tea leaves, items used in toilets and for beauty are being restricted from being taken from Pakistan to Afghanistan. This apart, the items on which restrictions have been imposed include fruits, refrigerator, AC, mixer grinder etc. It is to be noted that in the past few days, an exchange of fire took place between the security forces of Pakistan and Afghanistan on Chaman border in which many people were killed.

Hamara Samaj (October 8) reports that Afghanistan's defence minister Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob Mujahid has condemned the decision to expel Afghan refugees from Pakistan and said that due to this, the relationship between the two countries will get strained further. He also directed the Afghan citizens that they stop making investments in Pakistan.

Maldives in the lap of China



Mumbai Urdu News (October 8) reports that in the general elections held in Maldives, located in Indian Ocean, China supporter Mohammad Muizzu has been elected as the President. It is to be noted that in 1998, the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had sent Indian Navy to Maldives in order to stop the increasing interference of anti-India forces there and had saved the chair of India-favoured Maumoon Abdul Gayoom. Nearly 98 percent population in Maldives is Sunni Muslims. However, there are nearly 1,200 islands in this country, out of which nearly 200 islands have human habitation. Pakistan and China have been trying for a long time to increase their influence in Maldives.

It is to be noted that in the past also, former President of Maldives and a prominent supporter of China, Abdulla Yameen, had won the elections. However, people rebelled against him and overthrew his government. Later after India-supporter Ibrahim Mohammad Solih came to power, India's relationship with Maldives improved. Mohammad Muizzu as an opposition leader has been opposing Maldives's friendship with India. China wants to improve its relationship with Maldives. Currently, Maldives' trade relation is mainly with India. The newspaper claimed that there is a possibility of India's interests getting a huge setback due to the coming to the power of China supporters in Maldives.

Etemaad (October 6) in its editorial has alleged that after Prime Minister Modi came to power, India's relationship with neighbouring countries is getting worse day by day. After Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, now China has announced to make huge investments in Maldives. The newspaper claimed that anti-India Mohammad Muizzu has contested the polls on the basis of 'India Out' and he succeeded in defeating India-supporter President Mohammad Solih. The newspaper claimed that due to economic reasons, sentiments against India is rising among the citizens of Maldives and Mohammad Muizzu's party, Progressive Party of Maldives, has taken advantage out of it. Mohammad Solih's party Maldivian Democratic Party had to abdicate power due to internal differences and due to the opposition of former president Mohamed Nasheed.

Hamara Samaj (October 6) in its editorial claimed that due to the victory of China supporters, India will have an extremely difficult time in future. This is because China may establish its naval base there. Due to this, the advisors of Indian forces stationed in Maldives will have to pack their bags and go. Recently, China has announced that it would make huge investments in Maldives. They have also constructed a bridge to link Maldives's capital with International airport. The former China-supporting rulers of Maldives had given China an island on lease in 2016 on which China is making preparations to establish its naval base. Along with it, China has also announced a loan of 1 billion dollars to Maldives. The new president has announced that the advisors of Indian military stationed in Maldives shall be sent back to their country. Mohammad Muizzu had received higher education from Britain. Maldives has got multi-military importance. If China's influence increases in Maldives, then it will weaken the position of Bharat in Indian Ocean.

Indian High Commissioner stopped from visiting Gurdwara in Britain

Avadhnama (October 3) states that when the Indian High Commissioner to Britain, Vikram Doraiswamy, was on his way to visit a Gurdwara in Glasgow, some Khalistan supporters stopped him from entering Gurdwara and they tried to damage his car as well. According to the newspapers, both Pakistanis and Khalistanis were part of this crowd. According to media reports, it has also been propagated that a Scotland-based Sikh blogger Jagtar Singh Johal was arrested by India government. This apart, there is also strong resentment in this region due to allegations that an Indian intelligence agency was behind the murder of a Khalistani based in Canada.

According to sources in Indian Embassy, Indian origin people residing in Glasgow had invited the Indian High Commissioner to this Gurdwara to hold discussions with him. However, the protesters stopped him from entering the Gurdwara. It is being said that majority of the protesters were not local residents and neither were they people of Indian origin. It is also being alleged that the hands of Pakistani intelligence agency were behind this incident. In this connection, the Indian government lodged its protest with the British government and demanded that security shall be provided to Indian Embassy located in Britain and its employees. British Deputy Foreign Secretary has expressed concern over this incident and said the British government is committed to providing security to all foreign embassies and their employees. He said it is totally wrong to stop any individual from entering a place of worship.

According to media reports, some fake news has been published against India government in British media due to which there is strong resentment among Indian origin residents there and in order to know the truth, they invited Indian High



Commissioner and India's trade ambassador to the Gurdwara. However, some mischievous elements stopped his car and forcibly stopped him from entering the Gurdwara. Following this, the Indian High Commissioner returned without entering the Gurdwara and without holding talks with anyone. Scotland Yard Police has confirmed that it had received information regarding a protest taking place in a Gurdwara there. The Scotland Yard Police is investigating the entire incident. Nearly 5 lakh Sikhs stay in Britain and nearly one lakh Sikhs stay in Scotland as well.

It is being said that a protest took place there recently on the issue of the arrest of a Scotland-based Sikh blogger Jagtar Singh Johal. Jagtar Singh is behind bars in India for the past few years. He has been accused of conspiring the murder of leaders of Hindu organisations and taking part in terrorist activities. It is to be noted that a huge tension erupted in the relations between India and Canada due to the murder of a Khalistani, Hardip Singh Nijjar, in Canada. BJP leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa said this action of extremists is condemnable because every individual has the right to go to Gurdwara. Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee has also condemned this incident and its general secretary Gurcharan Singh Grewal said that stopping the Indian High Commissioner from visiting Gurdwara is condemnable and it is against the Sikh tradition. ■

Growing terror incidents in Pakistan

Roznama Sahara (October 1) reports that the Afghan government has arrested more than 200 terrorists belonging to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan in connection with a suicide blast that took place in Chitral region in Pakistan. It is being said in a US media report that the supreme leader of Afghanistan, Hibatullah Akhundzada, has directed the people of Afghanistan that they do not extend any kind of help to any terrorist organisation. It is to be noted that the Pakistan government has been consistently alleging that Afghanistan's land is being used to launch violent activities in Pakistan. On September 6 this year, the terrorists belonging to banned organisation Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan attacked military outposts located on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border in Chitral district in which 12 Pakistani soldiers were killed. The terrorists also looted arms and ammunition from these outposts of Pakistani Army. In the retaliatory attack by

the Pakistani army, it is claimed that 20 terrorists were killed.

Inqilab (October 10) reports that five terrorists were killed during an operation by security forces in Zhob district in Balochistan while a Major and four soldiers of Pakistani army were also killed. Pakistan's Army chief expressed condolence over the death of Pakistani officers and jawans who sacrificed their lives for the country.

Inqilab (October 12) states that two terrorists were killed in a military campaign launched against terrorists in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This encounter took place in Kulachi region in Dera Ismail Khan district. The intelligence agencies of Pakistan have claimed that the hands of the killed terrorists were found behind various attacks that took place in Waziristan. A large number of arms and ammunition stolen from the Pakistani Army were recovered from them.

Dengue outbreak in Bangladesh



Hindustan Express (October 3) states that the dengue is spreading fast in Bangladesh. Till now, more than 2,000 people have fallen victim to this epidemic. The Director General of Health in Bangladesh said that this year more than 2 lakh dengue patients have been identified, out of which nearly 2,000 people have died. Majority of those who died are children and women. Last year, nearly 300 people had died due to dengue in Bangladesh. This year, heavy rain occurred in Bangladesh due to which dengue mosquito have multiplied in large numbers. Mosquito nets have been distributed by the government to dengue affected regions and all healthcare facilities in Bangladesh have been directed to create special treatment board for the

treatment of patients affected by dengue. This apart, arrangements have been made to accommodate dengue patients in public buildings.

Etemaad (October 11) reports that the World Health Organisation has warned that dengue may spread like an epidemic in many countries in Asia. In this connection, the World Health Organisation has alerted the countries of Europe, American and Africa that this year dengue may spread like an epidemic in many regions. It is to be noted that last year, dengue had spread as an epidemic in south European countries and south America. In these regions, more than 50,000 people had died due to dengue and 45 crore people became victims of this epidemic. The World Health Organisation has directed all nations that they declare Emergency in order to face dengue and collect medicines for future in order to eradicate it, so that the pandemic could be dealt with successfully.

Will the Arab-Israel conflict lead to a third world war?



The Arab-Israel conflict is getting intense day-by-day. In foreign newspapers, an apprehension is being expressed that if the world powers fail to stop this war, then it could lead to a third world war. Even newspapers are divided into two groups. If one group supports Israel, the other group comes out extending support to Palestinians. As far as Urdu newspapers in Bharat are concerned, they are openly supporting the terrorist activities of Hamas and Hezbollah.

Etemaad (October 10) has admitted that the efforts taken by the United Nations Security Council to stop the Israel-Palestine conflict have failed. US President Joe Biden is also very active in this issue and he is getting ready to visit Israel and Arab countries. Earlier, the US Secretary of State had visited Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Inquilab (October 9) reports that the US President has announced that the US

stands with Israel in this hour of crisis and it would extend all kinds of help to Israel.

Roznama Sahara (October 10) reports that three giant warships of US are heading towards Israel's territorial waters.

Etemaad (October 10) reports that US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has announced that his nation is sending warships and aircraft to East Mediterranean Sea to support Israelis who are fighting the Hamas. Aircraft carrier USS Ford has started its journey. The flotilla comprises an aircraft carrier, one guided missile cruiser and four guided missile destroyers. The defence headquarters of US, Pentagon, has also announced that F-35, F-15, F-16 and A-10 fighter aircraft of the US Air Force are being sent to Israel. The defence secretary said the US would soon provide arms, ammunition and other equipment to Israel. The US took this decision after terrorist organisation Hamas fired thousands of rockets on Israel.

Roznama Sahara (October 8) states that after the attack by Hamas, the Israel Prime Minister has declared war.

Etemaad (October 9) states that Russian President has supported the demand for an independent Palestine and accused Israel of dragging the world into a third world war. Russia has also warned that if Israel doesn't stop the series of attacks, then Russia may also jump into this conflict.

In another news published in the same newspaper, the attacks by Hezbollah has been described as fatal for Israel. The newspaper said that now Israel has been surrounded from all four sides and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to be blamed for this.

Etemaad (October 14) states that Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is making efforts to stop this war by holding discussions with the leaders of Israel and Palestine.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 10) reports that Iran said that if Israel does not stop its attack on Gaza Strip and lifts the blockade, Iran will not remain a mute spectator and will jump into the field in the interests of Palestinian people.

Inquilab (October 14) states that the US Secretary of State has warned Iran to keep itself away from this dispute. Otherwise, it will have to face serious consequences.

Urdu Times (October 10) states that Israel has alleged that the rockets fired at Israel by Hamas were supplied to them by Iran.

Hamara Samaj (October 11) states that Iran, while making its stand clear, said that it has no role in the attack that Hamas had carried out on Israel. Israel is making false allegations in order to hide its failures. The Palestinian groups in Gaza have threatened that it is impossible to stop the war now. We will take revenge by wiping out Israel.

Urdu Times (October 12) states that the Iron Dome made by Israelis to stop



infiltration of Palestinians has been proved to be useless and more than 1,000 armed terrorists of Hamas entered Israel. Now the end of Israel is near.

In the same newspaper, Ram Punyani has expressed surprise that the world's most powerful intelligence agency Mossad has failed to provide prior information to its leaders regarding the attack by Hamas. He said the reason for this is that Hamas has taken advantage of the internal strife between warring groups in Israel.

Inquilab (October 14) said that after continuous bombings on Gaza using aircraft, Israel has now started preparations for ground attack in Gaza. Three lakh Israeli soldiers have been deployed in the eastern border of Lebanon near Gaza and thousands of tanks have been sent to the border.

Inquilab (October 15) states that Israel has established a blockade in Gaza due to which people there are dying of hunger and thirst. The newspaper has written, where will the residents of Gaza go now? This is because the Egypt has stopped them from entering its border.

Roznama Sahara (October 14) said the Israel has threatened the residents of Gaza to pack their bags and leave from there. Whereas Hamas said the residents of Gaza will stay in Gaza only and they will not leave behind their homes and go anywhere. Their victory is not far away now. Iran has threatened that if Israel does not stop the attack, then it could open a new front.



Roznama Sahara (October 10) said that nearly one lakh Israeli soldiers have been deployed on borders of Gaza and Israel is now ready to launch a ground attack in Gaza.

Roznama Sahara (October 9) reports that Hezbollah has started attacking Israel from Lebanon. Israel has sought the help of Egypt to release its hostages.

Almost all Urdu newspapers have condemned Israel in their editorial, and while supporting Hamas and Hezbollah, they said the end of Jews are not far away.

Hamara Samaj (October 13) in its editorial alleged that media is conspiring to make Hamas as Khalnayak and they were accused of baseless charges of killing women and children.

Etemaad (October 13) in its editorial, while criticising Israel, said the Modi government, due to its anti-Muslim policy, is opposing the Palestinians and openly supporting Israel. The newspaper claimed that Modi government has strong relationship with Israel government. During the 1971 and 1999 India-Pakistan wars, Israel had supplied ammunition and provided intelligence to India. After 2017, Israel has become the largest supplier of arms and ammunition to Bharat. The Modi government is adopting an anti-Muslim policy in this matter so that it could amass the votes of majority Hindus in the forthcoming elections.

Etemaad (October 12) in its editorial said the world should stop Israel

from its obsession with war. Let's hope this does not escalate into a world war.

Avadhnama (October 13) in its editorial said the blockade enforced in Gaza by Israel is inhuman. The newspaper also alleged that Israel is using phosphorus bombs in Gaza after openly violating all the rules of war.

Avadhnama (October 12) said that Hamas and Hezbollah will rest only after liberating Masjid Al-Aqsa from the clutches of Israel.

Urdu Times (October 12) in its editorial said that every justice-loving person is on the side of Palestine in the war between Arabs and Israel. Now, along with Muslim nations, non-Muslim countries are also openly supporting Palestine among which the name of Russian President Vladimir Putin is worth mentioning. Whereas Colombian President has compared the Israeli military with Hitler's Nazi Army. Spain has also supported Palestine. The newspaper has congratulated the people of US, Britain and Canada that they have come out on the streets in support of Palestinians and Hamas and they are protesting against Israel.

Siasat (October 11) in its editorial has criticised that though majority of the nations in the world have condemned the attack on the common people in Israel, they still couldn't hear the cries of the unarmed and helpless people of Palestine. These people, due to their political compulsions, close their eyes to the issues of Palestinian people and instead see them through the eyes of Israel.

Roznama Sahara (October 13) in its editorial alleged that currently even the Arab nations are not unitedly supporting the Palestinians. Their entire focus is in establishing friendship with the US. By making Muslim nations sign Abraham Accord with Israel, the US has told them that their private interest is more important than an independent Palestine and Masjid

Al-Aqsa. This is the reason why after the attack by Hamas, the voices of Muslim nations were found to be changing. Each one has its own tambourine and its own melody. They are just paying lip services against the Israeli bombardment of Gaza. They are not ready to take any credible step to extend help to Hamas or Palestinians.

The newspaper said that due to pressure from US, Saudi Arabia is secretly trying to make friendship with Israel. As far as Iran is concerned, it is involved in issuing only threats. As soon as Israel has alleged that Iran's hands were behind the attack by Hamas, Iran has immediately changed its tone. However, Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei has announced that Iran stands with Palestinians just like the US and European nations stand with Israel. Turkiye is trapped in an economic crisis. When it showed greater inclination towards Palestine, the value of its currency 'Lira' started declining. Now Turkiye, instead of taking any step against Israel, is taking more interest in a mediatory role in this war. Among the new friends of Israel include the United Arab Emirates and it has condemned the attack by Hamas on Israel. However, the rest of the Muslim nations are divided on this issue.

Arab-Israel dispute

Towards the last phase of 19th century, the Jews of East European nations started arriving in Palestine. As per the Census of 1882, the population of Arabs in the region was 4.5 lakh while the Jewish population was 25,000. From 1920 to 1933, the Arabs used to oppose the arrival of Jews in Palestine. The Palestinians demanded that the British stop the Jews from settling in Palestine. In the year 1929, a clash took place between Arabs and Jews on the issue of worship at Temple Mount. The Jews wanted to offer prayers at the Wailing Wall. Their claim is that this wall was the ruins of their place of worship which was destroyed by the Romans in the



first century AD. This holy place of Jews is part of Masjid Al-Aqsa. The Arabs allege that the Jews want to destroy Masjid Al-Aqsa and want to establish their place of worship there.

Due to the genocide campaign of Jews undertaken by Hitler, nearly 3.84 lakh Jews had arrived in Palestine by 1936. This clash escalated further. In 1937, the British Royal Commission under Lord Peel has recommended in its report that Palestine shall be divided into two nations. However, the Arabs refused to accept it. By this time, the Second World War started and the arrival of Jews in Palestine from Eastern European nations increased further. Due to this, a civil war erupted in the region. Britain had urged the United Nations to intervene in this dispute, which had recommended that Palestine shall be divided and Jerusalem shall be kept under international control. The Jews accepted this. But the Arabs were not ready to accept this division.

Britain vacated the region and the Jews announced the establishment of Israel nation on May 15, 1948. On this, the first Arab-Israel war broke out in 1949 in which Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria took part. In the agreement that reached following this war, the Arab nations were ready to hand over 2,000 square miles to Jews and due to this seven lakh Palestinians were rendered homeless. This is because Israel had seized their area. Due to the establishment of Israel, there was huge protest against the rulers in Arab world. In 1955, Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew the King of Egypt. Following



this, the system of purchasing weapons started in Arab world. Egypt purchased huge cache of arms and ammunition from Russia and East European nations. Whereas Israel purchased aircraft and arms and ammunition in huge quantity from France. In order to overthrow Nasser, Israel signed secret agreements with Britain and France. In order to stop the war in Middle-East, the United Nations General Assembly had formed an organisation called United Nations Emergency Force with the cooperation of different nations.

In 1967, a huge clash erupted between Arab nations and Israel on the issue of Jordan river water. The leaders of Israel attacked Egypt in 1967. Later Jordan also joined this war. In the six-day war, Israel prevailed over Arab nations. Israel seized Sinai Peninsula and Gaza from Egypt, Golan Heights from Syria and Eastern Jerusalem and West Bank from Jordan. More than three lakh refugees had to flee West Bank and Golan Heights and take refuge in Jordan and Syria. The United Nations exerted pressure on the US and Russia to stop this war. Israel had stressed that unless the Arab countries directly hold talks with it and sign on a peace deal, it will not vacate any occupied territory.

Following this war, different fighting groups of Palestinians merged themselves with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) founded in 1964. This organisation used to attack Israeli territories. In 1973, Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack to wrest control of the territories seized by Israel. Due to the pressure from United Nations, Israel handed over the Sinai region to Egypt and handed over Al-Quneitra to Syria. In November 1977,

Egypt President Anwar Al Sadat visited Jerusalem starting a new era of Arab-Israel relationship. Due to the efforts of US President Jimmy Carter, talks were held between the leaders of Israel and Egypt at Camp David and the two countries signed a peace deal.

In 1982, Israel alleged that Lebanon has been supporting PLO. It soon launched an attack on Lebanon.

Israel captured a few regions of Lebanon. In the 1980-1990 period, Israel continued the occupation of Gaza and West Bank. Due to this, the Palestinians residing there rebelled against Israel and unleashed a civil war. Following this, PLO launched an attack on Israel. In 1988, for the first time, the United Nations had granted recognition to Israel. It recognised Israel and an independent Palestine. Along with this, the administration of Palestine state was handed over to PLO.

Al-Aqsa Masjid

Al-Aqsa Masjid remains a bone of contention between Jews, Muslims and Christians for several centuries now. The three religions have been making separate claims over this holy place. The Jews claim that this masjid was built over the ruins of a Jewish place of worship, Solomon Temple, which was destroyed by the Romans in the first century AD. They also claim that Solomon Temple was built on the ruins of their ancient place of worship 'Dome of the Rock' which was destroyed by invaders several times and the Jews used to reconstruct them. Later, a church belonging to Christians was built over it. In 1187, Arab invader Salahuddin Ayyubi captured Jerusalem and he razed the church and constructed the Al-Aqsa mosque over it. However, the later Arab rulers also made constructions on it. The interesting thing is that the main door of the masjid that was built before the 10th century used to face Jerusalem. The masjid that was built subsequently faces the Mecca.

The Arabs also claim that the second Khalifa of Muslims Hazrat Umar had constructed a masjid near this place. Which

was expanded during the regime of Umayyad Khalifa Muawiya, which was given the final shape by Khalifa Al-Walid. Muslims also believe that this masjid got destroyed in the earthquake in 746 and it was reconstructed by Abbasid Khalifa Al Manzur which got destroyed again in the earthquake that took place in 1033, which was reconstructed by Salahuddin Ayyubi after victory over Jerusalem. From the point of view of Muslims, Al-Aqsa masjid is the third holiest place for the religion. The first is the Ka'aba in Mecca and the second is the Masjidi-e-Nabawi built by Hazrat Mohammad in Medina.



Palestine Liberation Organisation

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was founded in 1964. Later pro-Russian Yasser Arafat became its leader. Arafat had strong ties with Late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Initially Yasser Arafat was the leader of the military wing of PLO, Al Fatah. However, later he became the chairman of PLO. In 1970, the PLO started an armed rebellion against King Hussain of Jordan. In 1971, the Jordan Army forced PLO out of Jordan. In 1974, the Arab countries recognised PLO as an organisation of Palestinian Arabs and also admitted it as a member in Arab League. However, the interesting thing is that the PLO was not included in the talks held between the leaders of Egypt and Israel at Camp David in 1979.

Israel had handed over the Sinai Peninsular region back to Egypt. However, it had refused to recognise PLO, which has been administering the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Seeing the adamant stand of Egypt, Yasser Arafat had shifted the headquarters of PLO from Beirut to Tunisia. Seeing the increasing opposition among Arab countries, Yasser Arafat has toned down its policy towards Israel. In November 1988, the PLO had claimed that

it is the administrator of Palestine. In 1989, the PLO has been accepted as a government-in-exile. In the Gulf war of 1990-91, Arafat had extended support to Iraq due to which the Gulf nations got angry with him.

In 1993, the PLO under the leadership of Arafat signed a secret deal with Israel and the Oslo agreement took place between them on which Arafat and Israeli leaders signed in 1993. In this agreement, an arrangement has been made that West Bank and Gaza shall be slowly handed over to the newly constituted Palestinian Authority. Yasser Arafat became the first President of this Authority. However, later this effort got failed. In 2004, following the death of Yasser Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas, who was the senior commander of PLO's military wing Al Fatah, became the President of Palestinian Authority. In 2007, an armed war took place between PLO and Hamas over the seizure of Gaza strip and Hamas took over the reins. Following this, Mahmoud Abbas dissolved the legislature led by Hamas and an Emergency Cabinet was constituted in its place. On this, clashes took place between Palestine Authority and Hamas. The United Nations has given the status of non-member observer to Palestine Authority. Ever since, Israel has been setting up Jewish colonies in West Bank and Gaza Strip and making efforts to change the demography of people there.



Hamas

As far as Hamas is concerned, its Arabic name is Harakat al-Muqawama al-Islamiya. It was founded by an imam of Palestine and an active member of Muslim Brotherhood, Sheikh Ahmad Yasin in 1987. Hamas could be called the political wing of Muslim Brotherhood. Initially, the aim of Hamas was to stop the influence of Palestine Islamic Jihad. The effort of Israel was to promote Palestine Islamic Jihad and weaken the relationship of Hamas with Muslim Brotherhood. In 1988, Hamas had declared its single-point manifesto, which was the complete destruction of Israel at all costs. In 1993, Hamas carried out its first suicide attack in order to sabotage the Oslo agreement signed between Yasser Arafat and Israel. They described the growing relationship between PLO and Israel as fatal for Islam and Arabs. In 1997, the US had declared Hamas as a foreign terrorist organisation. Nowadays, the Gaza Strip is in the control of Hamas and Ismail Haniyeh is the chief of this terrorist organisation. Its headquarters is Qatar capital Doha. This is because Egypt had banned its activities and did not permit the organisation to step in

Gaza. Egypt's current ruler Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi is a strong opponent of Muslim Brotherhood. In Gaza, the chief of Hamas is Yahya Sinwar and he was in Israeli jail for several years. He has been accused of kidnapping a few Israeli soldiers and killing them. In 2011, in exchange for the release of soldiers taken hostage by Hamas, Israel had released Sinwar from the jail. Saleh al-Arouri is the head of Lebanon branch of Hamas and the West Bank region is also under his control. Its other leaders include Salameh Katawi and Khaled Mashal.

Hezbollah

Hezbollah is a Shia terrorist organisation active in Lebanon. It is directly linked to Iran. Hezbollah has also been declared as a terrorist organisation by US and other European countries. Recently, with the cooperation of Iran and Syria, Hezbollah has become militarily very active and it is considered as a major headache for Israel. Hezbollah became very powerful during the civil war that took place in Lebanon for 15 years. Ever since 1992, Hezbollah has been playing a role in Lebanon bringing governments to power and deposing them. In the elections held in Lebanon in 2005, many members of Hezbollah were elected to the Parliament and Hezbollah also got a minister in the Lebanon government. In the elections that took place in Lebanon in 2022, Hezbollah got 13 seats in the Parliament of 128 members. However, the party supported by Hezbollah got defeated in the elections. Hezbollah also plays an important role in the civil war taking place in Syria.

Terrorist attack on Turkish Parliament

Inquilab (October 2) reports that terrorists attacked the Parliament situated in Turkish capital Ankara. It is being claimed that two policemen were injured in this attack. On the other hand, one terrorist blew himself

up during a retaliatory action by the army. The second terrorist was shot dead by the army. According to the interior ministry of Turkiye, it was a terrorist attack. Earlier in 2011 also the parliament was attacked.



camps. These secret training camps were being run by the terrorists of Kurdistan Workers Party. The spokesperson said the Syrian government had an indirect role in the running of these terrorist camps.

Roznama Sahara (October 7) reports that Turkiye's military has opened fire at the bases of Kurdish People's Defence Unit and claimed to have

Two terrorists came in a military vehicle and rummaged through the entire security arrangements in the parliament and entered the parliament premises but were killed by the military. Turkiye's president Recep Tayyip Erdogan has claimed that these terrorists were trained in Syria and the hands of Syrian government were behind this attack.

Roznama Sahara (October 3) states that following this attack, the Turkish air force attacked 20 bases of banned terrorist organisation Kurdistan Workers Party. The Turkish military resorted to huge bombardment in northern Iraq. Turkiye's foreign minister Hakan Fidan said on Turkiye's official television that we will not spare those who attacked our parliament under any circumstance and we will destroy their bases at any cost. Turkiye's defence ministry has claimed that its secret agents had entered Syria and killed those terrorists who conspired in the bomb blast that took place in Istanbul last year. Twelve people were killed in this blast.

Inqilab (October 5) reports that Turkiye's government has declared that those people who attacked the Parliament of Turkiye were given training in the secret camps in Syria. Turkiye's intelligence agencies who are investigating this attack received credible evidence that the two terrorists had come from Syria and they were given training in those secret training

killed more than three dozen terrorists in northern Syria. According to Turkiye's defence ministry, this action has been taken in retaliation for the terrorist attack on Turkish Parliament. This apart, Turkish air force also carried out aerial attacks in Dabiq region in which more than 100 people have been claimed to be killed. The Turkiye government's claim is that as a result of this attack, more than 100 places of terrorists have been destroyed.

Mumbai Urdu News (October 6) states that after the terrorist attack on Turkish parliament, the intelligence wing of Turkiye has intensified the effort to nab terrorists in the entire country. Till now, 167 people have been taken into custody who are said to be linked to terrorists. The interior minister of Turkiye, Ali Yerlikaya told correspondents that these people, who were taken into custody by intelligence wing after raiding nearly 16 provinces in Turkiye, belong to banned terrorist organisation Kurdistan Workers Party. This party has been fuelling terrorist activities in Kurdistan for the past 10 years. The US and European Union had declared this party as a terrorist organisation. He said these terrorists were active since 1984 and they have killed four lakh people so far. The interior ministry of Turkiye has warned Iraq and Syria that they keep themselves away from terrorist organisations, otherwise they have to bear the consequences.

Saudi Arabia bans keeping domestic helps below the age of 21



Roznama Sahara (October 8) reports that a legal ban has been imposed on keeping domestic helps below the age of 21 in Saudi Arabia. In this connection, it is being

said in an order issued in the official gazette of Saudi Arabia that a fine of 20,000 Riyal will be imposed on those who violate this law. In case of any dispute between the owners and employees, the social welfare department of Saudi Arabia will hear the complaints and will make efforts to make a settlement between the two sides. The contract period to keep any person as an employee will be for 12 months. It will be mandatory to renew the contract after this period.

Iran criticises decision to award Nobel Prize to Narges Mohammadi



Roznama Sahara (October 8) reports that the foreign ministry of Iran has strongly criticised the decision to award Nobel Prize for Peace to human rights activist Narges Mohammadi who has been jailed on charges of taking part in anti-government protests and for criticising the government policies and said this step of Swedish government is an unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of Iran which cannot be tolerated. Spokesperson of Iranian foreign affairs ministry Nasser Kanaani said the Nobel Peace Prize Committee has given this award to a woman who has been regularly violating the Iranian law and has

been involved in criminal activities. This decision has been taken due to the anti-Iran policy of some European nations. It is to be noted that Narges Mohammadi has been counted among the prominent women in the world who have been fighting for human rights. She has been openly opposing the Iranian government for hanging to death thousands of people and has been demanding that a ban should be imposed on capital punishment in Iran. Narges Mohammadi has been supporting the nationwide protest by women in Iran against hijab for the past one-and-a-half years. Currently, Narges is lodged at the infamous Evin jail in Teheran. So far she has been given 31 years in jail and 154 lashes. Narges is also a mother of two children.

Inqilab (October 7) states that as per the official announcement of Nobel Peace Prize Committee, this year's Nobel

Peace Prize has been awarded to a human rights activist in Iran, Narges Mohammadi, who has been arrested 13 times for raising her voice against the government. The 51-year-old Narges Mohammadi is the 19th woman who has been awarded a Nobel Prize. Those who win the Nobel Prize is also awarded 1 million dollars as prize.

This prize will be given to any relatives of Narges Mohammadi on December 10 because she is currently lodged in a jail in Teheran. Narges Mohammadi is also the vice-president of an organisation, Defender of Human Rights Centre, founded by another Iranian woman Shirin Ebadi who won the Nobel peace prize in 2013.

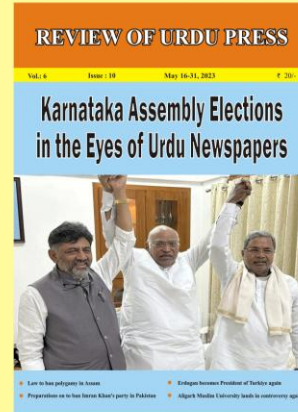
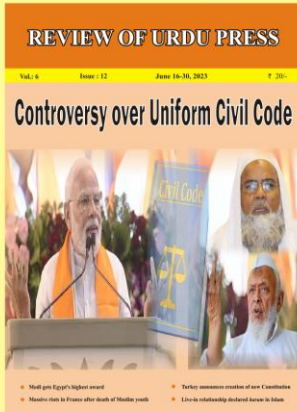
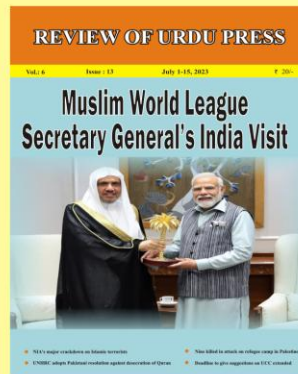
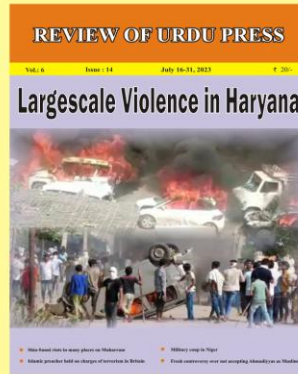
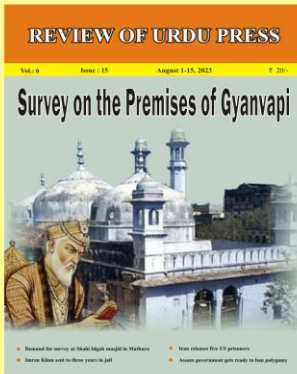
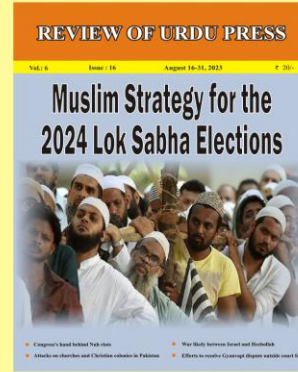
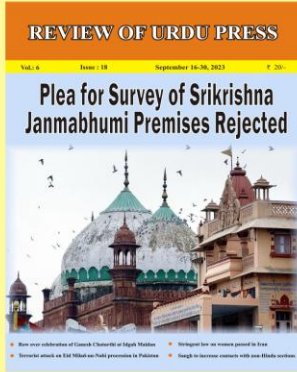
More than 100 killed in drone attack on military academy in Syria



Inqilab (October 7) reports that at least 100 cadets and military officers were killed in a drone attack that took place in Syria's central province of Homs while more than 250 people were injured. According to a government spokesperson, when Syria's defence minister was just coming out after taking part in a function organised at the military academy, three drones carried out an attack on the academy. Till now, no organisation has taken responsibility for this terrorist attack. A spokesperson of Syria's defence ministry said that a befitting reply will be given on this attack. Following this attack, Syrian Air Force resorted to indiscriminate bombing on rebel-controlled regions in Syria. Till now, it is not known how much damages the rebels have suffered in the bombings. As per a report of news agency 'Reuters,' after the drone attack that took place on the

military academy, the bodies were strewn all around and blood was flowing on the floor. The injured were lying in a pool of blood and taking their last breath. In the report it was also claimed that following this blast, the sounds of gunfire were heard for a long time. However, it was not clear who was opening the fire. Syria's defence ministry said this was among the most dangerous and biggest terrorist attack that took place in Syria so far.

It is to be noted that civil war was taking place in Syria for the past 12 years. When the military took over power under the leadership of Bashar-al-Assad, the flames of rebellion rose against him. In order to suppress this rebellion, Bashar Al-Assad used indiscriminate military power. Till now, more than 5 lakh people have been killed in this civil war and 50 lakh people have become homeless.



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