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## Summary

An emergency meeting of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Arab League took place in Saudi Arabia recently to discuss the Israel-Hamas war. However, no consensus could be reached at the meeting on taking any conclusive step against Israel. Taking part in the meeting, Algeria and Lebanon had urged all Muslim nations to stop the supply of oil and gas to Israel and its supporting nations immediately and impose an economic blockade on them. The two nations also demanded that all Muslims countries break their diplomatic relationship with Israel, but majority of the Arab nations did not support their demand.

At present there are eight Muslim countries in the world which have established diplomatic relationship with Israel. The complaint of Urdu newspapers is that the Arab nations are not taking any credible step against Israel and are only issuing threats to it. The strangest thing is that all Muslim nations in the world are condemning the Israeli attack on Palestine but are not ready to give shelter to Palestinian refugees in their country. More than 100 top Ulema in Islamic world had appealed to the heads of states of Muslim countries in the world that they open their borders to these victimised Palestinian refugees, but this appeal has had no effect on any Muslim nation so far.

In a meeting of Aligarh Municipal Board, a resolution has been adopted seeking to change the name of Aligarh to Harigarh. Following this decision of the municipal corporation, a controversy has erupted on the issue. Congress and Samajwadi Party, while opposing this decision of municipal corporation, described it as 'Muslim enmity.' These opposition parties also alleged that the BJP and Sangh Parivar have taken this decision in order to amass the votes of the majority community.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has claimed that notorious Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS has its links in Aligarh Muslim University. In this connection, some students belonging to Aligarh Muslim University have been arrested recently. The Proctor of Aligarh Muslim University has confirmed that the terrorists who have been arrested were students of the Muslim university. The NIA has so far arrested seven terrorists belonging to the Pune module of ISIS and has also filed a chargesheet against them in the court. The NIA has also claimed that those belonging to this terrorist organisation, who have been caught, had received higher education and were working in renowned companies on salaries worth lakhs of rupees. Their plan was to conduct serial bomb blasts in the country and kill innocents. The NIA has also said that many people associated with this gang are underground and nationwide raids are being conducted in search of them. Aligarh Muslim University had played a significant role in the creation of Pakistan and majority of those who campaigned for Pakistan were students of this university. Pakistani thinker Maulavi Abdul Haq had claimed that Aligarh Muslim University and Urdu language played a significant role in the creation of Pakistan.

India has supported the resolution moved in the United Nations, which opposed the Israeli government plan to establish Jewish settlements in the occupied territories of Arab countries. The spokesperson of India's External Affairs Ministry said the India government's clear stand is that it will not make any kind of compromises with regard to the issue of terrorism. India's Deputy Permanent Representative in United Nations Yojna Patel said we demand the release of those who were taken as hostages by Hamas. As far as the issue of Palestine is concerned, it is the old policy of Indian government that a sovereign Palestine state shall be established through talks conducted in a peaceful atmosphere.

## Aligarh Muslim University linked to terrorist organisation ISIS?



According to a report of **ABP News** (November 13), the Uttar Pradesh ATS is going ahead with the arrests of suspects linked to Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS. So far, seven suspects have been arrested in this connection who are said to be linked to Aligarh Muslim University. According to Urdu newspapers, the Uttar Pradesh ATS has arrested Abdullah Arsalan, Maaz Bin Tariq and Rakib Imam from Aligarh. Whereas, Wajihuddin was arrested from Chhattisgarh, Nawed Siddiqui, Mohammad Noman and Mohammad Najim were arrested from Sambhal. Among them Abdullah Arsalan, Maaz Bin Tariq and Wajihuddin were confirmed as students of Aligarh Muslim University by the varsity's administration. The university administration is inquiring about the other arrested suspects. According to police sources, Abdullah Arsalan is a resident of Alambagh Mohalla in Aligarh. Whereas Maaz Bin Tariq belongs to Mohalla Manzoorgarhi in Aligarh. Similarly, Rakib Imam is a resident of Civil Lines Mohalla in Aligarh.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 6) reports that the NIA has filed a chargesheet

against the seven accused in the court in which it has been alleged that they were linked to Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS. They were also accused of organising secret training camps where training was given on making IED bombs. The investigating agency has also alleged that these people were also collecting funds for violent activities in the country. Among the seven accused, two belong to Madhya Pradesh and five belong to Maharashtra. Their names are Mohammad Imran, Mohammad Yaqoob Saki, Abdul Qadir, Nazruddin Qazi, Zulfikar Ali, Saqib Nachan and Aqif Atiq Nachan.

It is worth mentioning that on July 18 this year, the Pune police had arrested Mohammad Shahnawaz and two persons belonging to Madhya Pradesh namely Mohammad Imran and Mohammad Yaqoob Saki. When the police were taking them for interrogation, Shahnawaz fled from police vehicle. During the interrogation of Mohammad Imran and Mohammad Yaqoob Saki, the police came to know that these two belong to terrorist organisations and the police in Rajasthan were looking for them in a case in which



explosives were seized from a car. Since then the police had given the name for this case as 'Pune Module of ISIS' and the police enlisted three other terrorists Talha Liaqat Ali Khan (Pune), Rizwan Abdul Haji Ali (Delhi) and Abdullah Faiyyaz Sheikh (Delhi) in the list of most wanted terrorists.



Later, the Special Commissioner of Police (Special Branch) HGS Dhaliwal said in a press conference that Shahnawaz was arrested from Jaitpur in Delhi. Explosives material used in the manufacture of IEDs were seized from him. Shahnawaz's wife was earlier a Hindu. Later she converted and changed her name to Khadija Mariyam. Now both Shahnawaz's wife and sister have gone underground and efforts are on to trace them. NIA said that Mohammad Imran and Shahnawaz were linked to one engineer Zulfikar Ali who works with an IT firm in Pune. Zulfikar was arrested in a case linked to ISIS and he is lodged in Arthur Road jail in Mumbai. An official of NIA said it was Zulfikar who was the mastermind and financier in this case. He had given training to Imran and Shahnawaz in a secret training camp and also sent money to them. Qadir Dastagir Pathan, who used to carry money to Imran, was arrested earlier itself.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 10) states that after the interrogation of Shahnawaz and Rizwan, who were arrested from Mumbai recently, the NIA has stepped up its efforts to arrest those terrorists who are involved in terrorist activities in the country on the pretext of getting education from Aligarh Muslim University. After the arrest of Abdullah Arsalan and Maaz Bin Tariq from Aligarh on November 3, a former student of Aligarh Muslim University was arrested from Chhattisgarh. This gang was making plans to explode bombs in Uttar Pradesh. A team of Uttar Pradesh ATS brought the accused to Lucknow on transit remand. Uttar Pradesh Special Director General of

Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said that after the interrogation of Abdullah Arsalan and Maaz Bin Tariq, it has come to the fore that many students and employees of Aligarh Muslim University are involved in terrorist activities and they were making plans to carry out terrorist attacks in Uttar Pradesh. After the interrogation of the two, the name of another terrorist, Wajihuddin, also surfaced, who had done PhD from Aligarh Muslim University and he belongs to Durg district in Chhattisgarh. Later the Uttar Pradesh police arrested him from Bhilai. Prashant Kumar claimed that Wajihuddin has connected many students of Aligarh Muslim University with terrorist organisation ISIS.

**Inquilab** (November 9) states that the Aligarh Muslim University is under the radar of intelligence agencies these days. Proctor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof Mohammad Wasim Ali, has accepted that those who have been caught belonged to AMU. Abdullah Arsalan has got a B Tech in Petrochemical Engineering and Maaz Bin Tariq was a B Com student. Both of them got in touch with the terrorists of Pune Module of ISIS during online study. Later they joined this module. Intelligence agencies claimed that the network of terrorist organisation ISIS is strongly present in Aligarh and in Muslim university.

**Roznama Sahara** (November 8) states that an NIA team raided a shop in Shamli in Uttar Pradesh. It is to be noted that a few months ago, NIA had arrested a man named Kalim, belonging to a family which came from Pakistan, for his links with terrorist organisation. The raiding



team also seized some pictures and objectionable material from this shop. Later this shop was sealed. The investigation team also raided the house of Kalim's brother Tahsim. The family members said that they have no information on where Tahsim stays nowadays.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 10) states that these people linked to the Pune Module of ISIS have received higher education and they used to interact using code words. These terrorists used to work

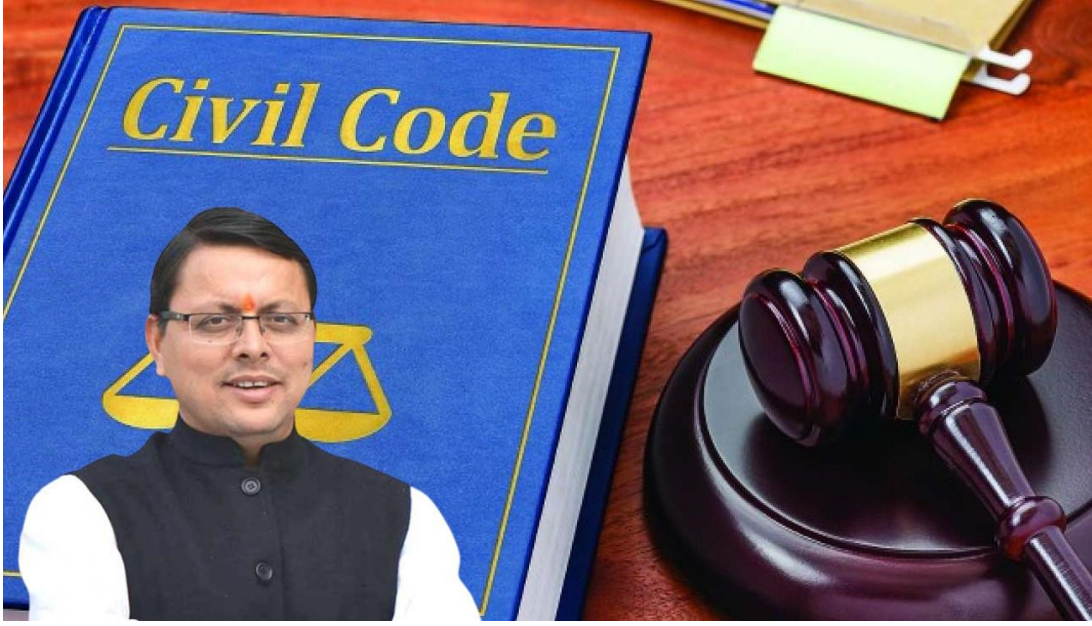
with renowned companies in the country and they used to get lakhs as monthly salary. One of the terrorists, Zulfikar Ali, used to work with a big IT company and his annual salary was Rs 31 lakh. Similarly, Shahnawaz was a mining engineer and he has special knowledge on making bombs. In the same way, the third terrorist, Qadir Dastaghir Pathan, used to work as graphic designer in Pune and he had also taught his two colleagues Imran Khan and Yaqoob Saki on making graphic design. Their handler was a man named Mohammad who is currently absconding. They had used code words to purchase the material required for making bombs so that their activities would remain under cover. NIA claimed that these accused were making preparations for serial bomb explosions in Pune.

## Preparations on to implement Uniform Civil Code in Uttarakhand

**Etemaad** (November 12) states that the Uttarakhand government has decided to summon a special session of the State Assembly to discuss a proposal to implement Uniform Civil Code in the state. As per the draft of a resolution that has been prepared in this connection, it has been decided that the laws relating to marriage, divorce, adoption and succession shall be made applicable to all sections of the society. This apart, it has also been mentioned that laws related to registration of marriage, divorce, right to property, alimony and custody of children shall be implemented equally among all sections of society. In this connection, the five-member committee constituted under the chairmanship of former Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai has handed over its report to the government. According to official sources, the Central government is hopeful that once the Assembly passes the resolution, it could be

presented as an example for the entire nation.

It is to be noted that the Uttarakhand government had formed a committee of experts on May 27, 2022 in order to look into the implementation of Uniform Civil Code in the state, whose purpose was to review the personal laws, civil matters and other laws prevailing in the state. Last year, in the manifesto released by BJP ahead of the Assembly elections, it had been promised that if the BJP comes to power, then a Uniform Civil Code will be implemented in the state. The newly constituted cabinet of Uttarakhand government in its first meeting itself had announced the constitution of the committee. In September this year, the term of the committee was extended by another four months for a third time. Earlier, on June 30 this year, Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai had told journalists that the draft of the bill for the proposed Uniform Civil



Code has been prepared and it would be presented to the government.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkhar Singh Dhami said that as soon as the committee presents its report, steps will be taken to implement Uniform Civil Code in the state. This committee constituted by the government also comprises former judge of Delhi High Court Justice Permod Kohli, social activist Manu Gaur, former chief secretary of Uttarakhand Shatrughan Singh and Vice-Chancellor of Doon University Prof Surekha Dangwal apart from Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai. This committee had sought the opinion from different communities. It is to be noted that committees have been formed in two other BJP-ruled states as well, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, in order to discuss the implementation of Uniform Civil Code. In this connection, the Law Commission at the national level had sought the opinion of different sections of the society.

The Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law, Sushil Kumar Modi, had raised certain issues regarding the implementation of Uniform Civil Code in Adivasi regions, especially on the tribals of north-eastern region and mentioned about their unique customs and traditions. Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram belonging to the RSS has welcomed the recommendation

that Adivasis should be kept outside the ambit of this law. According to sources, the committee in Uttarakhand has sought a ban on polygamy and registration for live-in relationship as well.

**Hindustan Express** (November 12) states that the draft of this law has been prepared by a committee constituted under the chairmanship of Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai. This committee had sought recommendations from different sections of the society in the state. The official claim is that more than two lakh people had given their recommendations in this connection. According to knowledgeable sources, the government is thinking about bringing a resolution in a special session of the state Assembly in order to implement the Uniform Civil Code in the state. It is to be noted that once the Uniform Civil Code is implemented, it will affect the marriage, divorce, succession and adoption which are under Shariah for Muslims.

The Uniform Civil Code is mentioned in the Constitution of the country which has been left for the wisdom of the leaders under the Directive Principles of State Policy. As per Article 44 of the Constitution, a Uniform Civil Code could be implemented for the citizens in all regions of the country, but along with it, Article 37 of the Constitution says that its



purpose is to ensure socio-economic justice to the people and establish India as a welfare state.

**Taasir** (November 14) in its editorial alleged that the Uttarakhand government has been making preparations to summon a special session of the Assembly and pass a law regarding the Uniform Civil Code in order to create an election atmosphere in the state. A few days ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well, while addressing an election meeting, had alleged that some political parties are trying to provoke Muslims in the name of Uniform Civil Code. In India's electoral politics, the issue of Uniform Civil Code is viewed from a religious perspective. Till now, there are different laws on marriage, divorce, succession and adoption for people

following different religions in the country based on their religion and faith but once the Uniform Civil Code is implemented, there will be only a single law for followers of all religion.

Prime Minister Modi had said that the Supreme Court had been rapping us again and again and talking about implementation of the Uniform Civil Code. But those who live on vote bank are creating hurdles on it. Chairman of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi has claimed that after law on triple talaq, there is an increase in exploitation of women. Many organisations like Muslim Personal Law Board have alleged that the government has been raking up the issue of Uniform Civil Code in order to target Islam and Muslims.

## Scam worth crores in Delhi Waqf Board



**Roznama Sahara** (November 14) states that an FIR has been registered against Aam Aadmi Party MLA and chairman of Delhi Waqf Board Amanatullah Khan and ten other accused in connection with the illegalities that took place in the recruitment of employees for Delhi Waqf Board. In this connection, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested three persons belonging to Delhi Waqf Board on charges of money laundering. A court in Delhi remanded the three in ED custody for three days for questioning. Their names are said to be Jishan Haider, Dawood Nazir and Jawed Imam Siddiqui. The ED told the

court that the accused were not cooperating with investigation and they were changing their statement again and again. This case is related to sale and purchase of land worth Rs 13.4 crore.

In this case, the ED has also alleged that Amanatullah Khan, as the chairman of Delhi Waqf Board, had recruited 32 people to the board in an illegal manner by violating the prescribed rules of the board. Huge amounts were extracted from those who were illegally recruited to the Waqf board which was spent on the purchase of immovable properties in the name of his colleagues. This apart, he also collected huge amounts by giving different properties of Waqf Board on lease in an illegal manner.

The ED said the agency has made the FIR filed by CBI and three complaints of Delhi Police as their basis for investigation and in this connection raids were conducted in the houses of Aam Aadmi Party legislator Amanatullah Khan



and more than a dozen of his colleagues. The agency claimed that the three arrested persons were close friends of Amanatullah and their hands were behind the scam in which a huge amount was collected and a large number of immovable properties were purchased in Delhi in different names using the amount. The agency also claimed that during these raids a large number of digital documents were seized which throws light into the role of Amanatullah Khan in money laundering.

Following the news published in different newspapers, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) had questioned Amanatullah for the first time in September 2022 on the issue of corruption and illegalities in Waqf Board, on the basis of which the agency raided four places and seized cash worth Rs 24 lakh. Two illegal pistols were also seized during this raid and later Amanatullah was also arrested in this connection. It was being mentioned in the news that the case filed in connection with the preliminary inquiry by CBI and three complaints by Delhi Police became the basis of ED action against Amanatullah. However, on December 28, 2022, Amanatullah was released on bail. It is worth mentioning that the Aam Aadmi Party came to power after running a huge campaign against corruption under Anna Hazare. However, now many prominent

leaders including Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and another minister Satyendra Jain have been arrested on charges of corruption.

**Inquilab** (November 1) states that it was the first time in the history of Delhi Waqf Board that the issues of the board were being investigated by agencies like CBI, ACB and ED. Recently, the chief executive officer of the board had expelled its 75 employees from their job and alleged that these employees were kept on their jobs in an illegal manner.

Secondly, the employees who were expelled from the Waqf board decided to knock at the doors of the court in a meeting. MP Danish Ali had described the decision to expel them from their jobs as dictatorial and said a conspiracy has been hatched to finish off the Delhi Waqf Board and we condemn this. They have also demanded reconstitution of the Waqf board. Lawyer arguing in Waqf matters, Shahid Ali said that it is a conspiracy to finish off the Waqf board. If there is no Waqf board, then the government will seize the more than 125 valuable properties under it. Former member of Central Waqf Board Rais Khan Pathan said that the decision to expel the employees is totally wrong. The Delhi unit of Muslim League has condemned the government action in a statement.

## Row over changing name of Aligarh

**Inquilab** (November 8) states that the Aligarh Municipal Corporation has adopted a resolution seeking to rename Aligarh as Harigarh. Now, this resolution will be sent to the government. After getting approval from the government, the name of Aligarh will become Harigarh. The meeting of Aligarh Municipal Corporation started amid ruckus, during which BJP's corporation councillor Sanjay Pandit tabled a resolution seeking to change the name of Aligarh as Harigarh. On this, the opposition councillors created a huge ruckus and opposed the resolution. However, since the

BJP councillors have majority in the corporation, the resolution was passed. It is to be noted that this was not the first time that a discussion was held on changing the name of Aligarh as Harigarh. The opposition side had said the BJP has played this game in view of the forthcoming elections.

**Inquilab** (November 9) states that the political arena has started getting heated on the issue of changing the name of Aligarh as Harigarh. The Congress has described it as an attack on 'Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb.' On the other hand, Samajwadi

Party said the intention of BJP is to divide the society on religious basis in the name of changing the name. The chief of minorities cell of Congress in Uttar Pradesh Shahnawaz Alam, while describing it as an attack on the country's history and culture, said it is an attempt to divide the country.

In a statement issued from Congress headquarters, Shahnawaz Alam said the British also wanted the Hindu Mahasabha and RSS to run a campaign to change the Muslim names in the country so that communal tension increases in the country. Today, the Yogi Adityanath government also wants to fulfil this dream of the British. He said that the nawab of Rampur and Sitapur were Muslims right from the beginning, but nobody even thought of changing these names. Spokesperson of Samajwadi Party Abdul Hafiz Gandhi said that the BJP government is not only changing the names of cities, but is making changes in the names of the projects as well. He alleged that the BJP government is a failure on all fronts and that is why they have come out with this new venture to mislead people.

**Urdu Times** (November 8) states that the debate over changing the name of Aligarh is quite old. In 2015, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad had passed a resolution in which it had been stated that the old name of Aligarh was Harigarh. Later it was changed to Aligarh. In the year 1992, when Kalyan Singh was the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, he had tried to change the name, but it was a Congress government at the Centre, and hence he could not fulfil his intentions.

**Etemaad** (November 10) in its editorial said the Aligarh city and the Muslim University here have been important centres in the politics and culture of Muslims for the past one century. This is the reason why the current government is targeting it. Aligarh will be the fourth city in Uttar Pradesh whose name will be changed recently. Earlier, Allahabad's



name was changed to Prayagraj. Whereas Mughal Sarai's name was changed to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Nagar and Faizabad's name was changed to Ayodhya.

In this editorial it has also been claimed that Sir Syed Ahmad Khan had laid the foundation for Muslim University in Aligarh. This university had made significant contributions in the freedom struggle of the country. This university had also made significant contributions in the campaign for creation of Pakistan and many big Muslim leaders who fought for Pakistan had received their education from this university.

**Urdu Times** (November 5) states that the Yogi government in Uttar Pradesh has changed the name of a village Amanullahpur in Sitapur district as Jamuna Nagar. In this connection, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Sudhir Kumar Garg had also issued a notification on November 3.

**Comment:** From the time of Independence till now, the names of more than 100 cities in India have been changed. After Independence, the name of United Province was changed as Uttar Pradesh. On November 9, 2000, a part of Uttar Pradesh got separated and it was given the name Uttaranchal. Later, the name Uttaranchal was changed as Uttarakhand. In 1996, the name Madras was changed to Chennai. In the same way, in 1995, Bombay's name was changed to Mumbai. In 1978, the name Poona was changed to Pune. Similarly, the name Banaras was changed to Varanasi and the capital of West Bengal Calcutta was changed to Kolkata.

## ‘Modi Mitras’ active to garner Muslim votes



**Siasat** (November 11) states that Nafiz Ansari is a principal in a school. The BJP has included him in the list of ‘Modi Mitras’ who will play the role in attracting Muslim voters towards the party. The meaning of ‘Modi Mitra’ is that these people are friends of Prime Minister Modi and they will work voluntarily in the forthcoming elections to bring the votes of Muslim voters to BJP. The newspaper claimed that the BJP has made a group of 25,000 Muslims in the country who will visit the houses of Muslims and explain to them the benefits that the Muslims will get from the minorities welfare schemes being initiated by the Modi government.

The chief of BJP’s minority morcha, Jamal Siddiqui, said those belonging to educational sector and thinkers have been included in this group. This apart, Muslim Ulema and retired senior officials have also

been included in this group so that Muslims could be attracted towards BJP in the forthcoming elections and the propaganda unleashed by the opposition that the BJP is against Muslims could be exposed. But the observers say that the BJP has unleashed this campaign so that the Muslim voters could be divided and thereby weaken the opposition.

Spokesperson of BJP’s minority wing Yaser Jilani claimed that his party had secured 9% votes of Muslims in the past two general elections. He said now our effort is to ensure that the BJP gets 17% to 20% Muslim votes in the forthcoming elections. An office-bearer involved in formulating the election strategy of BJP said that the Modi Mitras will specially focus in 65 such constituencies out of the total 543 where the number of Muslim voters is 30% to 40%.



## UN resolution against Israeli settlements in Palestine



**Siasat** (November 13) states that a war is on between Israel and Hamas and thousands of people have been killed in this war. Meanwhile, the United Nations passed an important resolution against setting up of Israeli colonies in Palestine. Seven countries including the United States and Canada opposed this resolution. Whereas 18 other countries did not take part in the voting. While 145 countries including India voted in favour of the resolution.

Official sources said India's decision on the resolution was based on its old policy on Palestine. Citing the attack carried out by Hamas on Israel, the Indian government made it clear that India will not compromise its stand on the issue of terrorism. India's Deputy Permanent Representative in United Nations Yojna Patel said our sympathy is with hostages and we demand their immediate and unconditional release. It is the old policy of Bharat that the talks between Palestine and Israel should be based on two main principles. The first is that the talks with Israel should be held in a peaceful manner and second, an autonomous Palestine state needs to be established. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had termed the October 7 attack by Hamas on Israel as a terrorist

incident and also condemned it. The present resolution has come a few weeks after a resolution of the United Nations, where a permanent ceasefire has been proposed between Israel and Hamas in Gaza Strip. India did not take part in the voting on this resolution.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 12) states that India has supported the resolution moved in the United Nations against setting up of Israeli colonies in Palestine. Altogether, 145 nations voted in favour of this resolution. This resolution adopted by the United Nations has condemned the efforts by Israel to create Jewish colonies on the occupied Palestinian regions and in the occupied Golan Heights.

The resolution has called for an immediate halt on all the activities undertaken by Israel in occupied territories of Palestine and also criticised the plan to merge these territories with Israel. The United Nations had accepted the draft of this resolution on November 9. Its title was 'Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories including the occupied Eastern Jerusalem and Syrian Golan Heights.' Trinamool Congress MP Saket Gokhale has congratulated Indian government over India voting in favour of Palestine.



**Urdu Times** (November 7) reports that Bharat has made it clear that it will not impose a ban on Hamas. However, the US and Germany, while declaring Hamas as a terrorist organisation, have imposed a ban on it. A spokesman of home ministry said since Hamas is not active in Bharat, the question of banning it doesn't arise at all. If the government still imposes a ban, there could be adverse effect on Bharat's relationship with Arab nations. The home ministry takes decision to ban any organisation under the UAPA Act. Till February 2023, a total of 44 organisations have been banned in the country under this law. Last time India had declared ISIS as a terrorist organisation in 2015. Even the



statement issued by Bharat while condemning the attack by Hamas on Israel does not name Hamas. Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had expressed regrets over Bharat not opposing this resolution.

## US Congress approves military aid worth 14.5 billion dollars to Israel

**Inquilab** (November 4) states that the US Congress has approved a military aid package worth 14.5 billion dollars to Israel. A total of 196 votes out of 226 were received in favour of the resolution. Now this resolution will be sent to Senate for approval, where the ruling Democratic Party has the majority. Later the resolution will be sent to the US President for his consent.

Secondly, President Biden had also told the Congress that instead of this bill moved by Republican Party, it should pass our Emergency package worth 106 billion dollars where there is a provision to extend

help to Israel, Taiwan and Ukraine. However, since the party of former president Donald Trump has majority in the US House of Representatives, this bill presented by his party was passed.

However, it looks like it will be difficult to get the approval of the Senate and the US President for this bill. It is to be noted that after the Second World War, the US had given the highest military aid to Israel, which was of 124 billion dollars. Since 2016, the US has been giving a military aid worth 3.8 billion dollars every year under a 10-year project to Israel.

## Pakistan government forcibly sends back lakhs of Afghan citizens

**Hindustan Express** (November 7) states that nearly 1.75 lakh Afghan citizens have been pushed back to their native place through Torkham border. According to the spokesperson of Pakistan government, more than 17 lakh Afghan citizens staying illegally in Pakistan will be forcibly sent back to Afghanistan. Pakistan government had announced that unregistered foreign citizens staying in Pakistan shall leave Pakistan immediately and return to their

respective countries, otherwise they will be forcibly sent back to their country under Pakistani law. This apart, those Afghan citizens who are lodged in jails in Pakistan, are also being sent back to Afghanistan. From November 1 to 4, more than 500 Afghan prisoners were sent back to Afghanistan.

**Hindustan Express** (November 1) states that the Pakistan government has so far sent back more than 3 lakh Afghan



citizens to Afghanistan. The police and intelligence agencies are searching for Afghanistan citizens staying in Pakistan in illegal manner and detention centres have been built across the country to keep them

in custody. Till now, more than 1.5 lakh Afghan citizens have been sent back to their native place from Karachi alone. However, the US and some other countries have been putting pressure on Pakistan to review its decision, but the Pakistan government has refused to change its decision.

Pakistan's caretaker home minister Sarfaraz Bugti said legal action would be taken against any Pakistani individual hiding Afghan citizens or giving out their houses on rent to them.

## Malaysia decides to continue supporting Hamas

**Roznama Sahara** (November 9) reports that Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim had announced in the Parliament that Malaysia will continue to support Hamas along with Palestine. He said we are not ready to impose any kind of ban or punitive action against the organisation. The Malaysian Prime Minister was replying to a question raised by a leader in the opposition. He had asked the Prime Minister what he had to say about the decision of the US House of Representatives to impose sanctions on the foreign supporters of Hamas.

Replying to this, the Prime Minister of Malaysia said we will not accept such kinds of threats. This was a unilateral decision by the United States which has no standing. We are just committed to implement the decisions of United States or its Security Council. He said if the US imposes any sanctions on Malaysia, then it will have its impact on the US companies as well. Muslim nation Malaysia has been supporting the Palestinian cause for a long time and many leaders of Hamas had visited Malaysia several times. A few days ago, the US had put pressure on Malaysia



to condemn Hamas which the Malaysia had refused to obey. The US had expressed concern over it.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (December 12) states that more than 100 Muslim Ulema of Indonesia, while issuing a collective fatwa, said the people of Indonesia should boycott the products of those companies which support Israel. As per media reports, on behalf of the Ulema Council of Indonesia, a fatwa was issued in this connection urging Muslims across the world that they condemn the attacker Israel and support Palestine. The fatwa has described those supporting Israel and extending help to its supporters as *haram* as per Shariah.

## Pakistan in the grip of terrorism



**Avadhnama** (November 5) states that as per a press release of Pakistani military, a group of terrorists had attacked an important training centre of the air force in Mianwali in Pakistan. In this attack, three fighter planes of the military stationed in the airbase were destroyed. In retaliation, the military killed all the nine terrorists. However, three attackers were killed earlier itself when they tried to enter the training centre and the airbase. Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan has claimed responsibility for the attack. This terrorist group has come to light only recently. It is being said that it is linked to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. This terrorist organisation had attacked a Pakistani military outpost in Balochistan in July and killed 12 Pakistani soldiers. This attack took place at a time when Afghan citizens staying illegally in Pakistan were being arrested from their houses.

**Avadhnama** (November 4) states that terrorists attacked a vehicle of Pakistani military with bombs near the bus stand in Dera Ismail Khan district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in which at least five Pakistani soldiers were killed and 21 were injured. In the same region, the terrorists had attacked a police camp on October 31 and killed a police officer and on the same day, the terrorists attacked a military convoy in south Waziristan and killed two soldiers.

**Avadhnama** (November 8) states that terrorists had attacked the camp of an oil and gas company located in Dera Ismail

Khan in which two police officers were killed and three were injured. Deputy Superintendent of Police Asghar Ali Shah said the condition of one of the injured is worrying. The police are searching for terrorists in the entire region and raids are being conducted in all places. It is being said the hands of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan are behind this attack.

**Inquilab** (November 10) states that in Gwadar district in Balochistan, the terrorists attacked a vehicle of Pakistani military and blew it up. At least 14 soldiers were killed in this attack. The Pakistani military has been conducting a search operation for the terrorists. Caretaker Foreign Minister Jaleel Abbas Jilani, while condemning the attack, assured people of the country that the military is committed to ensure their security.

**Hindustan Express** (November 9) states that Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwar ul Haq Kakkar said that after Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, there is a five-fold increase in suicide attacks in Pakistan. He said terrorists are using Afghanistan's land for attacks against Pakistan. He said earlier they were hopeful that once Taliban comes to power in Afghanistan, there would be less terrorist attacks in Pakistan.

However, in the past two years, more than 2,000 innocent Pakistanis were killed by terrorists. The hands of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan were behind these killings. In connection with these attacks,



15 Afghan citizens were arrested and 64 Afghan citizens were killed during the campaign by Pakistani security forces against terrorism. He said we had given due information regarding these attacks to the Afghanistan government and we have been demanding them time and again that they take credible steps to stop terrorist activities.

**Roznama Sahara** (November 10) states that commenting on the statement of Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister, spokesperson of Afghanistan government,

Zabiullah Mujahid, said we do not interfere in the internal affairs of any country. We also want peace in Pakistan just like we want it in Afghanistan. The Emirate-e-Islamia Afghanistan does not give permission to use its land against neighbouring countries. He said it is the responsibility of Pakistan government to maintain peace and wipe out terrorist activities within Pakistan. But since they have failed to eliminate terrorist activities, they are deliberately passing the muck on to the Afghan government.

## 50,000 people forced to leave houses in Myanmar



**Avadhnama** (November 12) states that the observers of United Nations told journalists in Yangoon that armed clashes are taking place in northern Myanmar between different groups and they have started targeting the Myanmar Army as well. In the northern Shan region near the Chinese border, armed clashes are on between the rebels and the military in which many people have been killed and more than 50,000 people had to leave their houses and other belongings and take refuge in secure areas.

Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army, Tang National Liberation

Army and Arakan Army have closed all trade routes to China and they seized dozens of military outposts. Till now, clashes are continuing between the military and the rebels. As per the liaison office of United Nations, internet and communication network are shut in Shan town. This apart, the relief measures being undertaken by the United Nations have also been affected. Many people were killed in the clashes that took place between the rebels and the military in Sagaing and Kachin regions this month. The Myanmar military has refused to make any comments on it and are trying to suppress this news.



## Islamic nations fail to take conclusive decision against Israel



**Sahafat** (November 14) reports that a joint meeting of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and Arab League, which was called in Saudi Arabia in the past few days to discuss the situation in Gaza, has failed to take any conclusive decision against Israel. The statements issued by these organisations have condemned Israel. According to foreign news agencies, the meeting has demanded Israel to immediately stop bombing and provide a safety route to extend help to the Palestinians trapped in Gaza. All the Muslim nations did not take any decision regarding any diplomatic or financial step against Israel.

Even during a meeting of Arab League ahead of this meeting, the Muslim countries did not take any decision regarding credible steps against Israel. Hence a joint meeting of OIC and Arab League was called to end the deadlock. In the meeting, however, some Muslim countries like Algeria and Lebanon definitely demanded that as a retaliation to the heavy bombing by Israel, the supply of oil and gas to Israel and its supporters shall be stopped. This apart, the two countries also demanded that those Arab countries which have established diplomatic

relationship with Israel should end it immediately. Though a demand has been raised to impose economic sanctions on Israel, no resolution could be adopted in this connection.

**Siasat** (November 14) states that Hamas spokesperson Osama Hamdan said the meeting of OIC and Arab League that took place in Saudi Arabia has failed to take any credible action to stop the genocide of Palestinians. It is to be noted that before this, a meeting of the executive of OIC was held in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia on October 18, but since there was no consensus on taking any credible action against Israel there also, a decision was taken to call a joint meeting of OIC and Arab League in Saudi Arabia on November 12. It is worth mentioning that 57 Muslim nations are members of OIC. Iran President Ebrahim Raisi especially took part in this meeting. It is to be noted that in the executive meeting of OIC earlier, Pakistan was represented by Pakistan's external affairs minister Jaleel Abbas Jilani.

**Siasat** (November 12) states that the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammad bin Salman has demanded at the inaugural speech of a meeting of heads of states of Islamic nations that Israel should

immediately declare a ceasefire in Gaza. This apart, he also condemned the Israeli occupation of Palestine. He said the United Nations and its Security Council have failed to take any decisive action against Israel. In this meeting, Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Iran President Ebrahim Raisi, Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Iraq President Abdul Latif Rasheed, Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwar-ul Haq Kakkar, Indonesian President Joko Widodo and Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev took part.

**Urdu Times** (November 5) in its editorial has complained that though Muslim countries in the world could do a lot against Israel even without taking part in the war, they are not doing anything. The newspaper said the Arab countries have not taken any step to stop the supply of oil and gas to Israel and its supporting nations. The surprising thing is that though many countries in South America have cut-off diplomatic relationship with Israel, no Arab

country has got the courage to end diplomatic relationship with Israel.

**Urdu Times** (November 2) in its editorial has complained that Gaza is bleeding and Muslim countries across the world have become silent spectators of the genocide taking place there. Every Muslim country is definitely issuing the threat that enough is enough and we will not tolerate it any longer. But what one doesn't understand is how long these countries desist themselves from taking action against Israel. Due to this stand of Arab countries, the Israeli bombardment is not getting stopped and more than 11,000 Palestinians have been killed so far.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 3) in its editorial said that expressing anger against Israel's indiscriminate bombing in Gaza, three countries of South America namely Bolivia, Chile and Colombia have announced cutting off diplomatic relationship with Israel. Meanwhile, so far just one Muslim nation, Bahrain, has displayed courage to end diplomatic relationship with Israel. No other Arab nation has displayed such a courage. ■

## Muslim nations urged to open their borders

**Etemaad** (November 12) states that more than 100 top Ulema in Muslim world urged Islamic nations across the world that they open their borders to give refuge to Palestinians who are falling victims to the aggressive actions of Israel. Among those who issued this appeal include the Grand Imam of world renowned Islamic University of Egypt, Al

Azhar, Sheikh Ahmed Al-Tayeb. The Grand Imam of Al Azhar University has written a letter to the heads of state of all Arab nations urging them to take all possible steps to stop the offensive action of Israel against their Palestinian brothers,



because it is our religious duty to do so and we will be answerable before Allah for the same.

According to the newspaper, in the letter sent to the heads of state of all Muslim nations by Sheikh Ahmed Al-

Tayeb, it has been written that we hope and believe you will use all your strength to stop the aggression of Jews in Palestine and will remember the verse in Quran that it is the religious duty of every Muslim to take part in the jihad against the enemies of Islam and there cannot be any callousness on this because, in the end, the victory will be yours. He said, you are a believer and Allah is with you.

In the end of the letter, Muslim countries have been told that Allah will make successful the efforts you will take to stop the oppression of your brothers and their genocide in Palestine. Nearly 100 top Ulema of Muslim world have urged all Arab and Muslim nations that they open their borders to give refuge to the Palestinian victims of Israel's aggressive actions so that their lives could be saved from the genocide of Israel. To shut their borders for Muslim victims is a betrayal of the God and his Prophet.

**Hindustan Express** (November 15) has published a news in which it has been claimed that Israel's fighter planes targeted the hospitals and refugee camps in Gaza and turned them into Kabristans. Due to the Israeli attack on Gaza's biggest hospital Al-Shifa, 179 Palestinians were killed and they were buried in a public Kabristan. They included children and patients.

It is to be noted that the Israeli military in the past one week had kept Al-

Shifa surrounded from all four sides and its electricity was cut-off due to which the entire functioning of the hospital got closed. According to the Palestinian health ministry, more than 500 patients, 500 doctors and health employees and 3,000 people who have become victims of Israeli bombings have taken refuge in the hospital.

Due to the Israeli attack on Palestinians since October 7, more than 12,000 Palestinians have been killed so far, out of which 4,500 were children and more than 3,000 were women. More than 41,000 buildings have been destroyed in Israeli bombardment. This apart, due to this bombardment, 94 government buildings and 71 masjids were also destroyed. According to sources in Palestine government, the number of those who have been killed in Gaza has crossed 14,000. Israeli tanks have been opening fire indiscriminately to divide Gaza into two pieces. Bodies are strewn around in all directions and there is hardly anybody to bury them.

**Hamara Samaj** (November 15) states that the military wing of Palestinian terrorist organisation Hamas said that it is ready to release all hostages in return for five days of ceasefire. It is being said that in this connection they sent a message to the mediators in Qatar, who have been making efforts to ensure a ceasefire between Israel and Palestinians.

## Citizens from 20 countries face travel visa ban in Dubai

**Inquilab** (November 5) states that the United Arab Emirates has imposed a Dubai travel visa ban on people from 20 countries. This ban has come into effect immediately. The purpose of the ban is to find solution to problems related to overstaying in UAE and illegal jobs. The citizens of the countries on whom the ban has been imposed include Burundi, Guinea Republic, Gambia, Togo, Congo, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Cameroon,

Nigeria, Liberia, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Guinea Bissau, Comoros etc.

According to official sources, in future those Nigerian citizens whose age is below 40 years will not be covered under the visa ban. This apart, the United Arab Emirates has announced that more than 1,000 Palestinian children who were injured in Israeli attacks will be brought to United Arab Emirates for treatment. This apart, their families will also be



allowed to visit the country, but once their treatment ends, they will have to return to their country. The entire

expenses of the treatment will be borne by the government of United Arab Emirates.

## Bloody clashes between Army and militia in Sudan



**Inquilab** (November 15) reports that war has once again started between the Sudanese Army and the Rapid Support Force (RSF) in the *Jabal Awliya* region located to the south of Sudanese capital Khartoum. RSF sources told *Arab World News* that the RSF has attacked Al-Nujoumi air base in order to liberate it from Sudanese Army, following which the squads of Sudanese Army deployed there had to flee. On the other hand, a spokesperson of Sudanese Army, Brigadier General Nabeel Abdullah, while rejecting this, said that Al-Nujoumi air base is still with the government army. He admitted that the RSF had though attacked the air base, the Army foiled the attempt and dozens of RSF men were killed.

As per another news, in a place named Omdurman, clashes have broken out between RSF and government army. According to the media, a major armed conflict is taking place between the two sides to capture the city in which many people have been killed. The RSF launched an attack to take control of the headquarters of fifth division of the army. It is to be

noted that Sudan is in the grip of a civil war for the past two years and at least one lakh people have so far been killed in this civil war. At least 10 lakh people had to flee from their houses. The efforts made by the United States to enforce a ceasefire between the two sides had failed and the armed conflict between the two sides are taking a fiercer turn day-by-day.

**Comment:** The population of Sudan is more than four crores, out of which 70 percent are Arab Muslims. Sudan has huge deposits of gold, platinum, copper, zinc and cobalt etc. Meanwhile the US, European Union and the United Nations had declared South Sudan as a separate nation. In this country, there are only 6 per cent Muslims. The rest of the population are Christians. Unfortunately for Sudan, a civil war has been raging in the country for the past 30 years in which at least 20 lakh people have been killed so far.

From May 1986 to 1989, Ahmad Al-Mirghani was in power. However, in 1989, the then chief of Sudanese Army, Omar al-Bashir staged a rebellion and captured power and he remained the dictator of Sudan for 30 years. Later in 2019, a



military coup took place amid public anger, anti-government protests and hartal and the chief of Sudanese Army, General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, captured power and he declared his colleague and chief of the Rapid Support Force (RSF) General Mohammad Hamdan Dagalo as the Vice-President of Sudan.

It is being said that a fight erupted between these two friends over the seizure of power nearly three years ago and since then, a war is on. It is being said that it was the demand of RSF chief Dagalo that his force shall also be merged with Sudanese

Army but dictator Burhan had refuse to accept it. Following this, civil war started in the country due to which the entire economy of Sudan collapsed. Later due to the intervention of the US President Joe Biden a ceasefire between the two sides was announced but it could not be sustained and clashes erupted once again between the two sides. According to sources in United Nations, the country's entire healthcare system has collapsed due to which bodies are strewn around on roads and different types of diseases are spreading in the country.

## Efforts to save former Indian Navy officers in Qatar



**Hindustan Express** (November 10) states that an appeal has been filed on behalf of the Indian government against the decision of a court in Qatar which awarded death sentence to eight former Indian Navy officers on charges of spying for Israel. Spokesperson of India's External Affairs Ministry said that due to the efforts of the government, permission has been granted to the officials of Indian Embassy to maintain contact with the former officers of the Navy who have been awarded death sentence.

The spokesperson said that Bharat is in touch with Qatar government on this issue. Since the matter is quite a sensitive one, it is not possible to provide more information in this connection. We have

decided to extend legal help to the Indian citizens and in this connection an appeal has been filed. The Indian government is also in touch with the relatives of the accused. India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had announced earlier itself that Bharat will provide legal aid to the accused. He said the help of all diplomatic channels have been taken in this connection and every possible effort is being made to save the former officers of

the Indian Navy.

**Sahafat** (November 8) in its editorial said there has been concern in the entire country over the death sentence awarded to eight former Indian Naval officers in Qatar. The question here is why the government became active only after the court in Qatar awarded the death sentence? Whereas the case was registered in the court there nearly one-and-a-half years ago and that time the issue was raised in the Lok Sabha by the chief of Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Asaduddin Owaisi, but the government remained inactive.

The newspaper raised some questions regarding this and said both Qatar and Israel are close friends of India. Wasn't it the responsibility of the

government to hire the services of some top lawyers to save the life of these people? Why was the government, which hire expensive lawyers by paying fees in crores in cases involving the leaders, remained helpless in this case? Isn't this an indication of government's callousness and diplomatic failures? The matter is getting more complicated as the Indian media, especially TV channels here have unleashed a campaign against Qatar, putting the life of these Hindustanis in further danger. What is the need for these unruly TV anchors to broadcast such foolish programmes which are against the national interests of the country?

The newspaper has claimed that the Indian government must be making efforts to protect the national interests in this issue. That is why these channels have been broadcasting anti-Islam programmes without a break on the issues of Qatar and Hamas. Whatever be the stand of Narendra Modi government and his party regarding Indian Muslims, its relationship with Arab countries and Muslim world is quite a friendly one. Modi might be the first Indian Prime Minister who made the highest number of visits to Muslim countries and every Muslim nation has awarded him with its highest award.

The newspaper alleged that the elements intoxicated with Hindutva are trying to sabotage the friendly relationship between Bharat and Arab countries. It is even to the extent that the people of Indian origin who work there and make crores of money also do not hide their Muslim enmity. The latest example is that of a big doctor working in a hospital in Bahrain, who made such a tweet on Hamas following which not only he had to leave his job, but was arrested as well.

The newspaper said though the rulers of these countries are officially remaining silent, personally the people and the rulers there have raised their voices against the abuse of Muslims in India. When BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma insulted the dignity of the Prophet, for the first time all the Muslim nations in the Gulf

including Qatar opposed it, due to which Nupur Sharma was removed from her post and the Indian embassies in these countries had to issue clarifications and assuage the feelings of the governments there.

The newspaper said the issue of Hindustanis who have been awarded punishment in Qatar is quite serious and it is the responsibility of the Indian government to find the truth. If these people are innocent, then they should be extended all possible help which included filing an appeal in the court in Qatar and also an appeal for pardon before the Emir of Qatar. If these efforts fail, then it could be taken to international court of justice as well. In case these people had really committed this offence, then it is not just a betrayal of Qatar, but it is also against the interests of India and they should get punishment for the same.

However, even then efforts should be taken to save them from gallows and convert their death sentence to life-term because the issue is related to the life of eight Hindustanis. Hence in this connection, we need to take each and every step cautiously. Anyway, India has multiple interests with Arab and Gulf countries. We are dependent on them for the supply of oil and gas. The biggest thing is that more than one-and-a-half crore Hindustanis are working in these countries and we get huge money in the form of foreign currency from there. But the narrow-minded anti-Muslim elements in the country are hell bent on destroying these relations. They love Muslim enmity more than the interests of the nation. The national interests demand that a ban shall be imposed on their activities.

**Urdu Times** (November 7) has published an article written by Rasiduddin in which it has been stated that there has been a furore in the country over the death sentence awarded to former Indian Naval officers in Qatar on charges of spying for Israel. The Modi government has assured the family members of the accused that we will find one way or the other in this matter. In any case, in every Arab country,

spying is considered as a serious offence and its punishment is death sentence. These people were working for a Jordan-based company. The director of this company was also arrested in this connection but he was released later.

Now the question that arises here is how will India save its citizens from the gallows? In this connection, the first thing is to file an appeal before the Supreme Court in Qatar. This apart, all legal and diplomatic options shall be explored. The third option is for Prime Minister Modi to hold direct talks with the Emir of Qatar. In order to make the talks a success, Modi may take the help of his Arab friends. But Qatar will not accept the mediation of UAE and Saudi Arabia. However, Kuwait could extend some help to India in this connection.

The last option is to take the issue to international court of justice. Nearly eight lakh Hindustanis are doing jobs and are employed in Qatar. Though India's relationship with Arab countries is friendly, it is also a fact that there is anger among the people in Arab countries due to abuse of Muslims by communal organisations in Hindustan and the biased behaviour



towards them. This issue in Qatar could become a major headache for Bharat as the trust and the faith that the Arab people have on Indian-origin persons could be adversely affected.

Due to this reason, there could be difficulty for Hindustanis to get jobs in Arab countries in future, and especially they may not be posted in sensitive positions. In October 2015, on the occasion of the visit of Qatar Emir to Bharat, an agreement was signed between Bharat and Qatar regarding criminals and prisoners in which there was a provision to allow jail inmates to complete their terms in their respective countries. Now the question that arises here is whether this agreement will be made applicable in this particular case?

## Will a war break out between Iran and the US?

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 11) states that the possibility of a war breaking out between the US and Iran has increased due to the attack on the US military by Iran-supported elements. The US has stepped up rocket and drone attacks on Iran-supporters. From October 16 till now, the US has carried out at least 14 attacks in Iraq and nine attacks in Syria on Iran-supported militia.

The Pentagon has announced that it is carrying out attacks on such bases which are linked to Tehran. A senior military officer of US said we stepped up our

attacks on Iranian network after seeing the aggressive intentions of Iran. He said the US doesn't want to spread the flames of war, but Iran is not stopping its activities. The official said that the attacks being carried out on US military bases by Iran have nothing to do with Israel-Hamas war. Iran-supported terrorist groups have seized some areas in Iraq and Syria. In order to stop their attacks, more than 2,500 US soldiers are deployed in Iraq while more than 900 are present in Syria.

**Hindustan Express** (November 6) states that Iran's foreign affairs minister

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian has threatened that seeing the way the US has been extending military aid to Israel, it is likely that in future the war will not be limited to Gaza, instead could spread to other countries as well.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 9) states that the spokesperson of Hezbollah Naim Qassem has threatened that if the Israeli attacks continue in Gaza, then the war could spread to the entire middle-east. Naim Qassem is the Deputy General Secretary of terrorist organisation Hezbollah. He said that if the US does not take any action immediately to stop these attacks, then each and every US military base in the middle-east will be targeted. He clarified that the Hezbollah will take action so that the Israeli attacks in Gaza could be lessened.

**Hindustan Express** (November 6) states that a minister of Israel, Amichai Eliyahu, has threatened that Israel will not hesitate to use nuclear bomb in Gaza. Following his statement, the Israeli government and Prime Minister Netanyahu got worried and the PM suspended the minister.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 6) in its editorial said that if the Palestinians surrender themselves in Gaza, then its meaning is that Iran has suffered defeat in this entire region. The newspaper said that the Palestinians are fighting the war for their existence. Even if the Israelis finish off the entire Palestinians, the Muslim nations in the region will not allow Israel to take rest and the war will continue until an Independent Palestinian state is established.

**Urdu Times** (November 6) states that the head of Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh, said it is the duty of Muslims across the world to get united against Israeli aggression. In this connection, Pakistan leader Maulana Fazlur Rahman met Hamas leader Khalid Mashal and Ismail Haniyeh in Qatar. He had given this statement while addressing journalists following this meeting.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 7) states that Iran President Ebrahim Raisi,



after meeting Iraq Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani, addressed a joint press conference and said the US has been supporting Israel for the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. He demanded that Israel should immediately stop its bombing in Gaza and declare a formal ceasefire in this connection.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 5) states that Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened that if Hezbollah doesn't stop its series of attacks on Israel, then they will have to bear serious consequences beyond their imagination. On the other hand, a spokesperson of US White House said Hezbollah should not try to take undue advantage of the Israel-Hamas war. The US will not tolerate taking this dispute to other countries and will take stringent action against those responsible.

**Inquilab** (November 8) states that US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken visited Iraq all of a sudden and held a meeting with the Prime Minister of Iraq. Blinken put pressure on the Prime Minister of Iraq to take stringent action against such elements involved in attacking US military bases in Iraq. In recent days, Iran-supported armed organisations had targeted the US military outposts in Iraq and Syria. Earlier, Blinken also held high-level talks with the security officials of Iraq. Later, addressing the media, he said he was assured by the Iraq Prime Minister that they will take stringent action against those who had attacked the US military bases in Iraq. He said that our effort is to ensure that such attacks do not take place on US bases in future.



