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Summary

In his speech at an event organised at the Madison Square Garden in New York in the US, Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Mohan Bhagwat, stressed that any person who talks about expelling Muslims from Bharat cannot be a Hindu as the DNA of the people in Bharat is based on 'Unity in Diversity.' Though Urdu newspapers welcomed this statement of the Sangh chief, they also complained that there is a huge gap between his walk and the talk. Their argument is that the Central government and the BJP-ruled state governments had made several such laws and policies which run contradictory to this claim of Mohan Bhagwat.

In their editorial, the Urdu newspapers expressed concern that today feelings of hatred against Muslims are being aroused across the country. Efforts are being made to erase Islam, Shariah, Muslim culture and their separate religious identity. Many Urdu newspapers also complained that though Muslims are the biggest minority group in the country, their representation in the BJP-ruled state governments is negligible. This situation could be seen currently at the Central government level as well. The Urdu newspapers also complained to the Congress that the population of Indian Muslims is eight times compared to the Sikhs. Though the Congress made the leaders of Sikh community as President, Prime Minister and Home Minister, Muslim leaders were not considered worthy of this.

Unfortunately, there exists a class in this country which remains in controversies to gain cheap popularity in the media. Recently, a Muslim lawyer, Mehmood Pracha, had challenged the 2019 Ayodhya case verdict of the Supreme Court in Delhi's Patiala House Court and questioned the intention and sense of justice of former Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud. The court not only rejected the petition of Pracha, but also imposed a cost of Rs 6 lakh on him to stop the tendency of creating unnecessary controversy and wasting the court's time. Pracha neither paid this amount, nor raised any legal objection in the court. The court, seeing his negligent attitude, ordered confiscation of his movable property.

In its latest report, the terrorism monitoring team of United Nations Security Council expressed serious concern that the Al-Qaida (AQIS) is exploiting the current situation in Bangladesh and is trying to establish its terror cells there. It has also been claimed in the report that this terrorist organisation is trying to make new recruitments in Bangladesh and in India. They are also involved in misleading the youth and arranging their secret training camps using social media and digital means. In this report, a sensational revelation has been made that the hands of Al-Qaida were behind the car bomb explosion that took place outside Red Fort Metro Station in Delhi in November 2025.

The Muslim population in the southern region of Buddhist-majority nation of Thailand have been resorting to violence to establish an 'independent Islamic state.' Recently, Islamic terrorists and suspected rebels carried out assault and arson in more than 70 places. Information was received that several people died in these attacks. It is a historical fact that the Muslim-majority southern region of Thailand was part of Malay-Muslim Patani Sultanate, which was merged with Thailand in 1909.

National

RSS chief's foreign tour coverage by the Urdu press



Majority of Urdu newspapers prominently published the speech of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat delivered at Madison Square Garden in New York, in which he had stated, “if any Hindu thinks that there should not be any Muslim in Bharat, then he cannot be a Hindu, because Hindu tradition respects every human being and accepts their religious diversity. Unity and diversity are in the DNA of Bharat.” He said that every nation has a goal and a destiny. India's goal is to make the world realize that we are all one.

More than a dozen Urdu newspapers displayed his speech as the lead story on their front page. Urdu newspapers have also exaggerated the protests that took place during his New York visit and presented to their readers. The tone of most of the editorials of these newspapers is anti-RSS.

Inquilab (August 31) has published a detailed news titled, “Mohan Bhagwat should come to the country and give the message of unity” on its front page in which various Muslim leaders have termed his statement as baseless and misleading.

In connection with the speech of the Sangh chief, the newspaper drew attention to the actions of the chief ministers of

Assam and Uttar Pradesh, who are allegedly involved in targeting Muslims and bulldozing their homes.

According to the newspaper, the question that is being raised in the country is why the Sangh chief is not giving such a direction to the BJP-ruled governments, where Muslims are being harassed due to the policy of communal hatred. General secretary of Communist Party of India D Raja said that if Mohan Bhagwat is serious, then he should return to the country and deliver the same statement. It is another thing to go to the US and give this statement. MP Kapil Sibal said that simply delivering speech is not enough. If Bhagwat is in New York, he claims about unity in diversity in Bharat, but his practice is just the opposite of it. Sanjay Singh of Aam Aadmi Party said that Mohan Bhagwat goes to the US and says that it is not possible to think of a Bharat without Muslims, but what are you doing in your country? Going abroad and delivering such smooth talk will not change the situation.

The chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi said this speech of Mohan Bhagwat is just a word play. The world knows that he would say something for the international community and directs his own cadre to



adopt just the opposite path. Chief of Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind Maulana Arshad Madani said that there is difference between Mohan Bhagwat's walk and talk. If he is honest, then he should also say who are those people who are spreading the flames of hatred in the name of religion in the country and the mob who lynch Muslims or to which party they belong to. Has the RSS taken any action against any of its worker till now? After all, with which organisation are Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal and BJP connected? Madani asked if those who talk about expelling Muslims from the country are not Hindus, then why Mohan Bhagwat is not openly taking the names of such people? Everyone knows that such elements are strongly linked to Hindutva and the RSS.

In an article written in **Inquilab** (September 2), Khwaja Abdul Munkib, while welcoming the statement of Mohan Bhagwat in New York, said one of the positive aspects of his speech is that he has given recognition for the right of Muslims to stay in Bharat. It would be difficult to say anything with certainty now whether he will change colours after reaching Bharat. However, the change that has come into being in the mind of Sangh over Muslims is worth welcoming.

Qaumi Bharat (August 31) in its editorial said that the gap in the walk and talk of Indian leaders is increasing day-by-day. The newspaper has written that when

the prime minister of our country visits any Gulf nation, he smiles and hugs the Sheikhs, and tries to portray himself as a sympathizer of Indian Muslims. The Sheikhs also trust his words and grants permission to construct temples in their country. On the other hand, his colour changes as soon as he steps on Indian land. Here the government is involved in destroying old historical masjids and dargahs using bulldozers on one pretext or the other. Now, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat goes to New York and says that if any Hindu believes that Muslims have no connection with India, then he is not a Hindu. These things sound good to hear, but till date no Muslim individual has been considered for the post of Prime Minister of India. Meanwhile, the population of Indian Muslims is eight times compared to Sikhs.

The newspaper has alleged that the Congress party, which stakes the highest claim on Muslim vote, has made leaders from Sikh community which constitutes just one-and-a-half percent as President, Prime Minister and Home Minister, but Congress has not considered Muslims fit for these posts.

Today, anti-Muslim propaganda has gained such momentum in this country that no one,

not even a rickshaw wallah likes a Muslim to become even a minister, forget about being a Prime Minister. Every single



RSS-supporting Muslim who once graced the BJP has been expelled from the government. Today where is Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi? Where did Shahnawaz Hussain go? None of them were even considered even fit for Rajya Sabha. In such a situation, the statement of Mohan Bhagwat becomes the main news of Urdu newspapers, but it does not create any space in the minds of Muslims because they clearly know the intentions of RSS and BJP.

Inquilab (September 3) in its editorial said that every Muslim is aware of the reality behind the statement given by Mohan Bhagwat in New York. The organization he heads has no place for Muslims in its dictionary, nor does it believe in the spirit of unity in diversity.

The newspaper said that like other leaders of RSS, Mohan Bhagwat also never speak clearly and directly. Mohan Bhagwat is the head of an organisation whose main aim is to convert Bharat into a Hindu Rashtra. This organisation has been committed to this agenda for the past 100 years. Muslims are the biggest hurdle for the establishment of Hindu Rashtra, hence the real target of the RSS is also Muslims. In the eyes of Sangh, their patriotism was also suspicious. The stand of today's government regarding Muslims is clear and no one should be under any misconception in this matter. Today, in whichever state the BJP is in power, one would not find any representation for Muslims. There is not a single Muslim in the Union cabinet. In the

eyes of the Sangh Parivar, Muslims are no more important than the 'sacrificial goat.'

Munsif (August 31) has written in its editorial that at one level Mohan Bhagwat stands at international stage and propagates Hindu-Muslim unity and harmony but on the other hand, organisations like Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal and other Hinduvadi organisations, who were born out of the womb of the RSS, have been continuously opening

economic, social and cultural fronts against Muslims. At one level there is talk about partnership, on the other Muslims are accused of 'Love Jihad', 'Land Jihad' and 'Spit Jihad'. Is this the true form of Muslim participation in Hindutva? Mohan Bhagwat often refers to the changing face of the organization and also meets Muslim thinkers and leaders, but on the political front, the laws and policies followed by the BJP, the political wing of the RSS, are aimed at eliminating Muslims.

The newspaper alleged that the RSS was founded on the ideology of Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar and Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar. Golwalkar in his book 'We or our nationhood defined' clearly wrote that non-Hindus in India would have to adopt Hindu culture and language, otherwise they would not get any right in this country. This is the reason when, in the name of history rewriting, campaigns are launched to change the names of cities and to remove the Muslim period from the curriculum, its aim is to remove Muslims from the history of India.

Democracy and secularism are strengthened not just by words on paper, but by the strict implementation of the Constitution and by removing the fear from the hearts of minorities.

RSS will have to think about bridging its gap between the walk and the talk.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 31) has given the headline of its editorial,

“Knife on the side, Ram Ram in the mouth.” The newspaper, while welcoming the speech of Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat in New York, asked whether this speech will be given a credible form in Bharat? Isn’t this speech a mere political rhetoric? It is not possible to see his statement distinct from the history of his organisation. In this context, Owaisi has questioned



Mohan Bhagwat about the written thoughts of Veer Savarkar, Dr. Hedgewar and Golwalkar whether, looking at their ideology, it can be believed that they will now adopt social harmony?

If the thinking of the current leadership of the RSS has changed, then why it is not reflecting in the policies and programmes of the BJP governments in the country?

In an article in **Munsif** (September 3), Mohammad Muslim Kabir has written that Mohan Bhagwat, while delivering a speech at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi in 2018, had said that the meaning of Hindu Rashtra is not that there is no space for Muslims in Bharat. He has repeated the same thing in New York eight years later. In 2025, he talked about people belonging to different religions including the Muslims and Christians to connect with RSS, but along with it, he had also stressed that they had to adopt the national identity of the sons of Bharat Mata. The newspaper asked whether the Muslims need to end their separate identity and adopt the identity of the majority community? He is a citizen of the country.

The real question is whether the Sangh is ready to accept Muslims as equal citizens? The statement of Bhagwat has once again raised this question that if Bharat is called a Hindu Rashtra, and Muslims are an integral part of it, then what will be the Constitutional and real condition of Muslims in this Hindu Rashtra? Will he be considered as equal

citizen? This is the reason why this recent statement of Mohan Bhagwat in New York raises many questions within itself. Mohan Bhagwat has said a statement about Muslims in America which should make Indian Muslims happy, but the real test of this statement will not be in America, but in India.

Will those who talk hatred against Muslims will also be told that this is not Hindu culture? Will those who describe Muslims as traitors and infiltrators be stopped? Will they be allowed to keep their separate religious identity? Or, as is the case today, various laws will be combined to endanger their separate identity? Indian Muslims have heard whatever Mohan Bhagwat said in New York and they are not rejecting that statement. They just want this to be visible on the ground. They have their full freedom to follow their religion and culture. They can live as per Quran and Shariah. What is required is that whatever Mohan Bhagwat said in New York, its result should be seen in Bharat as well.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 3) in its editorial accused Mohan Bhagwat of adopting double standard. The newspaper said that if they really believe that a Hindu who talks about driving Muslims out of India is not a Hindu, then why is this principle not seen being implemented in reality in India? Why no legal action is taken against those who run the hate campaign against Muslims and describe them as foreign infiltrators? Today’s biggest problem is that the gap between the

walk and the talk of the government is increasing day-by-day.

Earlier, **Inquilab** (August 28) had published a news which had mentioned about opposition to Mohan Bhagwat's New York visit. The newspaper has written that several US organisations had demanded that RSS gives directions to BJP, hence Mohan Bhagwat's US visa should be cancelled and a ban should be imposed on the activities of Sangh in the US.

Avadhnama (August 28) had written that more than 200 organisations and thousands of people in the US urged New York mayor Zohran Mamdani that the permission granted to organise Mohan Bhagwat's event in New York should be cancelled. On this, Mamdani said he has no power to cancel the permission given to organise a private event.

Urdu Times (August 29) has published a statement of New York mayor Zohran Mamdani, in which it had been stated that he is opposed to the ideology of the RSS, hence he does not support the US visit and the programme of Mohan Bhagwat.

Urdu Times (August 28) has written that several MPs of Canada demanded the government to ban the entry of Mohan Bhagwat to Canada and declare RSS a banned organisation in Canada, because it runs a campaign of hatred against minorities. The MPs also demanded that the visa of Mohan Bhagwat shall be cancelled.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 21) has written that the demand to ban the RSS in the US has intensified. It has also been demanded that the diplomatic facilities being extended to Sangh leaders by the US government shall be cancelled and a ban shall be imposed on the programme of Mohan Bhagwat in the US. Chairman of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, Asif Mahmood, has said that the RSS has been running a



campaign of hatred against Muslims for decades. Their basic religious rights are being curtailed. Their mosques and dargahs are being demolished using bulldozers, hence the government should immediately impose a ban on the US visit of Mohan Bhagwat.

Urdu Times (August 29) in its editorial has written that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat had to face a difficult situation in the US and there had been strong protests against his visit in the US and other countries. However, despite these protests, there is possibility that the foreign programmes of Mohan Bhagwat may not be cancelled, because in US there are such powerful lobbies, which are linked to organisations like the RSS and Vishwa Hindu Parishad. This is the reason why Bhagwat has got visa and the current government in India has the support of US President Donald Trump, hence he would not face any difficulty in addressing the programme.

Urdu Times (September 3) has published a five-column news on its front page, whose title is 'Protests against RSS ahead of Bhagwat's visit to Britain.' The sub-heading of this news is, 'Over 15 British civil society organisations and people write to London Mayor and demand he should not be given official welcome.' It has been demanded in a letter written to London Mayor Sadiq Khan that no permission shall be granted for any function of Mohan Bhagwat in Greater London and if any permission is given, it shall be cancelled. In this letter, while

describing the RSS as a dictatorial and extremist organisation, they alleged that their hands are stained with the blood of Muslims. This is the reason why the British government had banned the visit of the

then chief minister of Gujarat Narendra Modi following the riots in Gujarat. On the other hand, a dozen MPs in Britain appealed to the residents that they boycott the programme of Mohan Bhagwat.

Hijab not an integral part of Islam



Inquilab (August 26) reports that the Allahabad High Court has dismissed a petition filed by a minor Muslim student, Sukaina Rizvi, seeking permission to wear hijab along with the uniform prescribed by her school. In its verdict, the court said that the lawyer of the petitioner has failed to prove that wearing of hijab is a mandatory religious custom in Islam. A division bench of Justice J J Munir and Justice Indrajeet Shukla said no student can demand a change in the prescribed dress code at the individual level, especially when its purpose is to maintain discipline and to ensure the secular identity of the institution concerned.

The petitioner is a student of Tagore Public School in Attarsuiya town in Prayagraj. She filed a petition in the Allahabad High Court through her mother. The argument of the student was that she had studied in the school from Class 6 to 10 wearing a hijab and no objections were raised against it till late. She said she wanted to go to school wearing the hijab in Class 11 as well, but now she is not getting

permission for the same. In this connection, a complaint has been made to the district magistrate as well, on which the district education inspector has sought a report. The principal of the school said that this is an educational institution, where a common dress code is prescribed for all students. Granting exception to a particular student will affect the system in the school. On the other hand, the lawyer of the petitioner argued in the court that wearing hijab is a part of the religious freedom guaranteed under Article 25 of the Constitution and it is also linked to the student's dignity and bodily autonomy and hence this decision of the school is a violation of the fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution.

In its verdict, the Allahabad High Court clarified that when a dress code has been created in the spirit of equality or in good faith or its purpose is to maintain the identity of the institution, then deciding on the uniform is entirely within the school's jurisdiction. Even if the student has been attending outdoor classes wearing the hijab without any hindrance till now, it does not



give her the right to force the school to change her uniform. The court further said the school has the legal right to maintain discipline and to implement a dress code to maintain the unique identity of the institution. The school implements a similar uniform to all students to strengthen equality and secular spirit, because it is equally implementable on all girl-boy students. If any boy or girl student is given the right to change the uniform as per his or her own wish, then it would be completely against the basic concept of school uniform.

The student claimed that she has been coming to the school wearing a hijab right from childhood and wearing a hijab is a mandatory part of her religion. Not wearing it will hurt her religious sentiments but in this connection, the student's lawyer failed to produce in the court any text or source in Islam where it had been stated that it is mandatory. The court also took note of the fact that the photos of various classes produced in the court by the school show Muslim students not wearing any hijab. It is clear from this that the school has not interfered in the religious freedom of the students, instead it is only urging for the implementation of the dress code prescribed by the institution.

Commenting on this verdict of the high court, Muslim religious leader Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahali said that hijab is mandatory for Muslim women and it is part of the Shariah, hence

no court has the right to impose a ban on its use. He said the verdict of the court is against the basic spirit of the Constitution of the country. Similarly, another Muslim scholar Maulana Saif Abbas said that if any student wants to wear hijab on her own will, then the court or the institution should not have any right to create any hurdles on it. MP of Rashtriya Janata Dal, Prof Manoj Jha, said matters like clothing should be left to the personal choice of the person concerned and the court should not interfere in such matters.

Avadhnama (August 30) said that the Allahabad High Court, while rejecting the petition of a Muslim student of Tagore Public School, said that wearing hijab is not an essential religious practice of Islam. Following this verdict of the court, there has been concern among the Muslim community. The verdict raises a serious question as to whether it is the job of the courts to decide the inevitability of the religious principles of a community or is it the responsibility of religious scholars who have in-depth knowledge about matters related to that religion? If the court keeps interpreting religious matters like this, then what will happen to those Constitutional guarantees which were given to the minorities in the Constitution? This is not the first time that any court has delivered a verdict on the issue of hijab. Earlier, this issue took place in Karnataka as well. An appeal has been filed in the Supreme Court against the verdict of the Karnataka High Court, where there had been a serious difference between two judges on this issue. Hence the issue has been referred to a larger Constitutional bench and the matter has been pending in the Supreme Court since 2022.

The Muslim leaders' strong reaction on this verdict of Allahabad High Court has come to the fore. The chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Asaduddin Owaisi, while describing it as an interference in Islamic Shariah and personal freedom, refused to accept the decision of the court. All India Muslim

Personal Law Board has also announced the decision to question this verdict of the Allahabad High Court in the Supreme Court. The newspaper said that in the Constitution, the followers of all religions have been given the right to practice, follow and propagate their own religion. Ever since BJP came to power, obstacles are being created in the religious practices of Muslims and the state governments have created several laws in this connection.

Urdu Times (September 2) in its editorial said that ever since the BJP came to power in the country, it has been running a campaign against the hijab. Recently, two burqa-clad women were stopped from entering a Municipal hospital in Mumbai and they were forced to remove their burqa before entering the hospital. The manner in which the incident took place was shameful and Muslim leaders should immediately

meet the chief minister and demand the removal of these security personnel, because nobody should be given permission to interfere in Islam.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 1) in its editorial said this incident is not just about the dress of a student, instead it is linked to the multi-religious and multi-cultural nature of Bharat. It is clear in the case of hijab that it is necessary for Muslim women and it is part of the religion. It is not just a piece of cloth, rather, it is a symbol of worship, dignity and religious identity.

It is strange that the Allahabad High Court has given the right to educational institutions to implement uniform to maintain discipline in the schools, but is deciding the uniform not a violation of the rights given to any student in the Constitution?

Court orders to confiscate Mehmood Pracha's property

Aurangabad Times (August 20) states that the Patiala House Court in Delhi has ordered to seize the property of senior lawyer Mehmood Pracha, who challenged the 2019 verdict of the Ayodhya Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case in the court. It is to be noted that a fine of Rs 6 lakh had been imposed on him for abusing the process of court, which Mehmood Pracha refused to pay. The court of additional senior civil judge Medha Arya ordered that in order to recover the penalty amount, his movable property shall be confiscated.

This apart, the 'bailiff' appointed by the court has been given the power to complete the process to seize the property of Mehmood Pracha, and if necessary, break the lock and seize the property.

The action follows an execution petition filed by the New Delhi District Legal Services Authority (NDLS). The



next hearing in the matter has been fixed on October 1.

The court said that Advocate Mehmood Pracha was given several opportunities to pay the fine and to raise objections against it, but he neither paid the fine nor filed any objections against the fine. It is to be noted that Mehmood Pracha had registered a civil suit seeking to cancel the 2019 Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya dispute case.

The lower court rejected this case in April 2025 considering it as an abuse of the legal process and imposed a fine of Rs one lakh on Mehmood Pracha. Pracha filed an appeal against it in the district court. District Judge Dharmendra Rana, while describing this petition as completely baseless, rejected the same. This apart, the judge considered the earlier fine of Rs 1 lakh as insufficient and added an additional fine of Rs 5 lakh, increasing the total amount to Rs 6 lakh.

This case which has been filed at the behest of Mehmood Pracha was in reference to a speech delivered by the former Chief Justice of Supreme Court Justice D Y Chandrachud in the year 2024 in Pune, where he had stated that he had prayed to the God for a resolution to the Ayodhya dispute. Mentioning this statement of the former chief justice, Pracha argued that this questions the fairness and the legal status of the Ayodhya verdict delivered in the year 2019. However, the district court completely rejected this argument by him. In its

verdict, the district court clarified that seeking spiritual guidance from God is a personal spiritual expression and cannot be seen as any kind of bias in a court decision or acceptance of legal irregularities.

As per the available court report, there is no direct mention of 'Ramlala' in the speech of the former chief justice, instead he just mentioned about praying to the God for the resolution of the Ayodhya dispute. The district court in its verdict has also underlined that Mehmood Pracha was not a party to the original Ayodhya dispute, hence he holds no legal right to question this historic verdict in any civil court. This apart, the court also made it clear that under the Judge (Protection) Act, 1985, the judges, even after retirement, enjoy full legal protection for the judicial work done during their service.

The court also strongly criticised that an unsavoury trend is growing in the country whereby judicial and government officials are targeted for baseless legal actions even after they have retired from their posts.

ED raid on several places including at Jauhar University



Inquilab (August 20) states that the Enforcement Directorate has taken stringent action against Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust and Mohammad Ali Jauhar University belonging to senior Samajwadi

Party leader Azam Khan, who is behind the bars. The ED carried out raids in more than a dozen places in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi in connection with the investigation into the money laundering. Commenting on this

action, Congress and Samajwadi Party alleged that the BJP is targeting Azam Khan and this university due to its anti-Muslim stand. On the other hand, the BJP, while rejecting these allegations, claimed that the investigation has exposed several major scams. According to government sources, ED teams conducted intensive searches in Rampur, Saharanpur and Jamia Nagar in Delhi. During the raids, paramilitary forces were deployed in order to strengthen security arrangements. According to investigating officers, the action has been taken after registering the whole case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The ED teams raided a chartered accountant, two companies and the premises of their owners in Saharanpur, who were said to be linked to Jauhar Trust. A spokesperson of ED said the investigation was conducted over allegations of transferring government funds through private banks and subsequently using the funds to create assets in trusts and universities.

Azam Khan and his family members are trustees in the Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust registered in Lucknow. In the year 2006, this trust established Jauhar University and a private school in Rampur.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the Central government is deliberately targeting Opposition leaders. Congress MP Imran Masood alleged that the BJP government is deliberately trying to destroy Islamic religious institutions and targeting Azam Khan due to its Muslim enmity. On the other hand, Uttar Pradesh Minister of State for Minority Welfare Danish Azad Ansari, while supporting this action, said action has been taken to investigate the charges of misappropriation of government funds on the pretext of establishing the university, exploitation of poor farmers and illegal occupation of government land. He claimed that this entire action has been taken as per the law.



Inquilab (August 21) states that the Central investigating agencies have already taken action on this issue. In the year 2023, the Income Tax department raided the premises of Azam Khan and his family members and seized a large number of documents, whereas ED conducted raids in 2022 as well. The newspaper claimed that the Central agencies are investigating suspicious financial transactions worth Rs 494 crore. On the directions of the Central government, the state government has handed over the files related to 84 cases registered against Azam Khan and his family to the ED. This apart, the Uttar Pradesh government has stepped up investigations into the recruitments conducted in Jal Nigam during Azam Khan's time and allegations of scam in the Sewage System Project in Rampur.

Urdu Times (August 20) in its editorial has accused the BJP of targeting Azam Khan and a major educational institution of Indian Muslims namely Jauhar University due to its anti-Muslim policy. According to the editorial, the entire action is politically motivated and aimed at defaming Muslims. Azam Khan is currently in jail. The Muslim organisations do not have the courage to raise voices against the government, because they know that they will be trapped in cases for protests. The editorial asked why the ED and CBI remained silent during the controversies over the financial fraud that took place in Ram Mandir. The simple fact is that the Modi government wants to keep

Muslims out of higher education so that they do not move forward on the path of development. The strange thing is that more than 40 percent non-Muslims are

receiving education in this university, but the Yogi government is ignoring their future also due to its hatred towards Muslims.

Anti-conversion law implemented in Maharashtra

Inquilab (August 29) reports that an anti-conversion law, 'Maharashtra Freedom of Religious Act, 2026' has been implemented in Maharashtra. More than 18 religious, social and women's organisations have decided to question this law before the Bombay High Court. These organisations claim that implementation of this law will affect the freedom of religion guaranteed to the minorities in the Constitution. A few days ago, in a press conference organised in Mumbai, these organisations demanded the Maharashtra government that a petition in this connection has been pending in the Supreme Court and until the verdict in that case comes, the law shall not be implemented in the state. In this connection, the great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Tushar Gandhi, announced that he will take part in the agitation being organised against this law. Those who filed petition in the Bombay High Court seeking a stay on the law include organisations like the Jamiat Ulema (Maharashtra) and Vanchit Bahun Aghadi.

Urdu Times (August 28) states that the chief of Maharashtra Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Halimullah Qasmi, described the new anti-conversion law in Maharashtra as unconstitutional. He directed Supreme Court lawyer Ejaz Maqbool and Bombay High Court lawyer Mateen Shaikh to file a petition to question this law in the Bombay High Court. Maulana Qasmi said this law has not been made on the basis of any credible research or real incidents involving mass conversions, instead its sole purpose is to obtain political mileage. Due to this, there is largescale dissatisfaction among Muslim community. He said that this law is an open violation of the fundamental rights guaranteed to the citizens in the Indian Constitution and right

of the adult individuals to marry as per their wish. The Maulana also alleged that innocent Muslims are being targeted in BJP-ruled states under the guise of this law.

It is to be noted that before Maharashtra, 12 states—Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Haryana, Jharkhand, Odisha and Himachal Pradesh—had implemented the anti-conversion law. Several Muslim and social organisations had already questioned the constitutional validity of these laws before the Supreme Court where the issue is still pending. In order to argue the case, Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind has constituted a special committee of lawyers.

Hamara Samaj (August 22) states that the chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Mahmoud Madani, has strongly opposed the implementation of anti-conversion law in Maharashtra. He said this was against the basic spirit of Indian Constitution. Maulana Madani alleged that ever since the BJP came to power, the trend of making such laws has increased, whose purpose is to keep Muslims away from Islam, Shariah and Quran. This apart, he expressed serious regret that in the country's judicial system there is a domination of such people today, who wanted to impose the religion of majority on the minority in the country.

Urdu Times (August 18) in an article appealed to Muslims to keep an eye on the activities of their girls. According to the article, nowadays some communal organisations of majority community are misleading Muslim girls using mobile phones and social media. They are luring people to convert by promising marriage, hence it is necessary that Muslims keep a close watch on the activities of their girls.

Insurgency for an Islamic state in Thailand



Inquilab (August 25) reports that a rebellion has erupted in the southern region of Buddhist-majority nation of Thailand, seeking the establishment of an independent Islamic state. According to official sources, the rebels carried out massive attacks targeting government offices, police stations, shops and vehicles in the four southern provinces of Thailand. At least five persons were killed in these attacks and more than a dozen people were injured. A spokesperson of Thailand's Home Ministry claimed that the hands of the armed fighters of Islamic rebel organisation 'Barisan Revolusi Nasional' (BRN) were behind this pre-planned attacks. The spokesperson also said that last week, these rebels attacked an outpost of Thailand police and killed 15 security personnel. Given the gravity of the situation, additional military contingents were being sent to the affected areas.

According to the home ministry, the rebels carried out the fiercest attack in 40 places in Narathiwat, 21 places in Yala, 15 places in Pattani and in two places in Songkhla. In Narathiwat, the rebels destroyed railway tracks and several bogies

of trains using explosives, due to which railway service was stopped in the entire region. In order to bring the situation under control and to restore the security system, an indefinite curfew has been imposed in the entire region.

After an emergency meeting of the Thailand cabinet, Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul expressed confidence that the country's military would soon completely eliminate the separatist rebels active in the southern provinces. It is to be noted that this southern part of Thailand is Malay-Muslim majority, whose historical and cultural links are with Malaysia. Before this region was merged with Thailand in 1909, this locality was part of an Islamic rule under an independent Patani Sultanate.

According to official sources, these rebels have been carrying out an armed struggle to establish and 'Independent Islamic Malay Nation' separate from Thailand since 2004. In this two-decade long extremist violence, more than 8,000 people have sacrificed their lives. Though peace talks started between the government and the main rebel organisation BRN in the year 2013 with the mediation of Malaysia,

the process ran into trouble time and again due to the differences between the two sides.

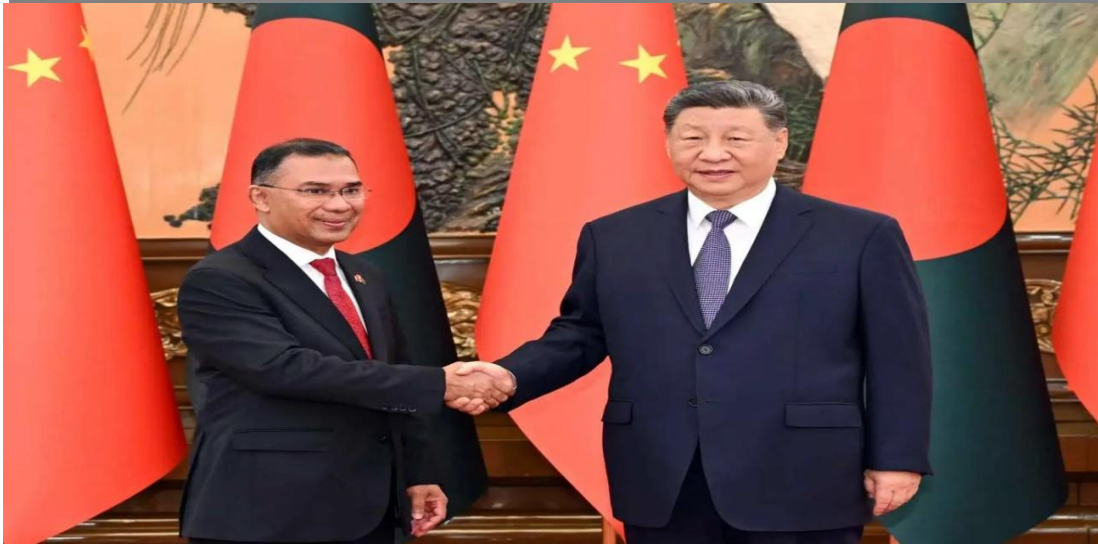
Currently, Thailand's main peace negotiator and the director of national intelligence agency Thanut Suvarnananda is involved in efforts to restart this dialogue and prepare a preliminary framework.

Meanwhile, the military command in south Thailand claimed that the military already had intelligence information that

the radical organisations would once again step up attacks during the talks to display their strength. This is the reason why the security forces already took the necessary steps. The military commanders expressed full confidence that the Thai military would soon bring the entire situation under control and restore law and order in the region.

Earlier in July, the rebels had attacked a military outpost and killed five soldiers.

Major defence agreement between Bangladesh and China



Urdu Times (August 31) states that an agreement for defence cooperation and water management has been signed between Bangladesh and China. The Bangladesh government has officially confirmed that it will be buying modern fighter planes from China to modernize the operational capabilities of its air force. Zahed Ur Rahman, Information and Broadcasting Advisor to Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, said the government decided to purchase the Chinese-made J-10C after seeing their success during the India-Pakistan conflict last year. The government has decided to make necessary provisions in this year's budget to purchase these planes, after which China will begin supply of these planes this year. However, he did not

reveal the number of planes or the cost of the proposed purchase of these aircraft.

Apart from these aircraft, Bangladesh has also decided to purchase military helicopters, transport helicopters, cargo planes and drones from China. According to Bangladesh government sources, the Chinese-made J-10C fighter planes are single engine, which has the capability to target enemy aircraft and also carry out ground attacks. The maximum speed of this aircraft is 2,200 kilometre per hour and it is equipped with most-modern missiles and fighting equipment. In the beginning of this year, the air force chief of Bangladesh, Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmud Khan visited Pakistan and met the air force chief of that country Air Chief Marshal Zahir Ahmed Babar Siddhu. On



this occasion, the air force chief of Bangladesh inspected the aircraft and helicopters supplied to Pakistan by China, after which Bangladesh decided to purchase these items from China.

According to sources in Bangladesh government, Bangladesh has also signed an agreement with China regarding cooperation on Teesta River water management.

It is to be noted that no final agreement has been reached between India and Bangladesh regarding the sharing of Teesta River water for a long time. Recently, when the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Tarique Rahman, visited China, he held summit-level talks with China regarding this matter.

It is said that recently high level talks were held between Chinese Ambassador Yao Wen and Bangladesh's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Humayun Kabir in this connection in Dhaka. Following the talks with the Chinese Ambassador, Kabir said that China is our trusted partner and it has established itself as a major partner in Bangladesh's defence sector.

The agreement between China and Bangladesh regarding the water management of the Teesta River could raise serious concerns for the security of

India's 'Chicken's Neck' (Siliguri Corridor), as the entire Teesta River region is situated in close proximity to this strategic corridor.

Recently, a high level military mission of China had also visited this region. After paying a visit to Bangladesh, a high level delegation of China expressed hope that a new chapter will begin in the defence sector between the two countries, and with Chinese cooperation Bangladesh will be able to develop an effective defence system to counter its adversaries. The Chinese delegation has also assured cooperation in the modernisation of Mangala Port as well. This apart, China has assured the Bangladesh government that 30 Chinese companies will invest \$500 million to set up defence production-related factories there, creating new employment opportunities for over one lakh people in Bangladesh.

Al Qaida bases in Bangladesh

Qaumi Bharat (August 16) states that the United Nations Security Council has expressed serious concern over the rapid spread of Islamic terrorist organisation Al Qaida in Bangladesh. The Security Council said that Al Qaida's branch 'Al Qaida in Indian Subcontinent' (AQIS) has once again become active in India and Bangladesh. This organisation has been recruiting youths on a largescale and equipping them with modern weapons smuggled in from foreign countries. This network is establishing new secret bases in

order to step up its terrorist activities. In order to train these newly recruited cadre with weapons and explosives, training camps are set up in remote and inaccessible regions, where the commander of Al Qaida is giving training to new youths.

The security council has warned that the growing activities of Al Qaida could become a serious threat to the sovereignty and internal security of India and Bangladesh. The security council urged the Bangladesh government that in order to completely wipe out this Islamic terror



network of Al-Qaida, it should further strengthen its engagement and strategic coordination with international counter-terrorism bodies.

The security council stressed that the local administration need to keep a close watch on the suspicious activities of these terrorists. This apart, the Bangladesh government must keep the intelligence network along the border on high alert to ensure that terrorist organizations cannot acquire state-of-the-art weapons from foreign sources or international arms smugglers.

Hamara Samaj (August 21) states that the investigating agencies of Bangladesh conducted raids in capital Dhaka and its neighbouring regions Savar and Ashulia and seized bombs and explosives in large quantity. According to official sources, in the past two weeks, a cache of 18 bombs has been seized from Ashulia alone. This apart, pressure cooker bombs were also found in large quantities. Earlier, on August 11, a large cache of pressure cooker bombs was found near an Islamic madrasa and mosque in Savar, which the bomb disposal squad defused. In another raid, the police seized 14 pipe

bombs and bomb-making material in large quantity. This apart, a large quantity of bombs and guns has also been seized from an Islamic madrasa named 'Al-Qura' in southern Keraniganj. The Bangladesh police claimed that they all belonged to an Islamic terrorist organisation named 'Neo-JMB' which is linked to Al Qaida.

Last month, security agencies had taken stringent

action against the secret hideouts of some madrasas and mosques in Jassore from where hand grenade, foreign pistol and dangerous weapons were seized in large quantity. As per intelligence reports, this terrorist group attacked a temple using bombs in Kumilla and killed a member of minority community in Pheni.

Sahafat (August 17) states that the terrorism monitoring team of United Nations Security Council in its report revealed that the hands of AQIS, the branch of Islamic terrorist organisation Al-Qaida, was behind the car bomb blast that took place outside the Lal Quila Metro Station in Delhi. This organisation was founded in the year 2014. It is to be noted that 15 people lost their lives in this bomb blast. This blast took place in a car, which was driven by a suicide attacker Dr Umar Un Nabi, who himself died in the blast. This gang was found to be linked to Al-Falah University based in Faridabad. Later, the police and security agencies conducted raids and seized explosive items in huge quantity and arrested several terrorists including Dr Muzammil Shakil and Dr Adil Ahmed Rather belonging to this terrorist module.

Taliban bans protest marches in country

Siasat (August 22) states that the Taliban government in Afghanistan passed a new police law, which has been named 'Shurta law.' Under this new law, a complete ban has been imposed on all kinds of public

protests and rallies in the entire country. As per media reports, this law has been issued by the justice ministry of Taliban, which has got the approval of their supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzadah.

In the recently passed Shurta law, it has been made it clear that the police will take stringent action against those who take out any kind of protest marches in Afghanistan. To implement the law effectively, the police force has officially been given the nomenclature of 'Shurta.' Powers have been given to arrest immediately those who violate this law and take stringent legal action against them. Those who are arrested will be produced in the Shariah court, where the Qazi will sentence them as per Islamic Shariah.

In this connection, as per the new directions given to the Shurta (police) by the Taliban government, the final decision on awarding punishment can be done only by the court. Under this law, dozens of women were taken into custody for violating the dress code of the Taliban in Herat province recently. They are accused of not dressing in accordance with Shariah rules.

Chattan (August 21) states that following pressure from the United Nations, the Taliban administration released two officials of the United Nations, who were taken into custody on August 9. The two officials are Afghan citizens, who were working for the United Nations Aid Mission in Afghanistan.

Chattan (August 20) states that Afghanistan has described a strategic and economic partnership with India as very important for regional stability. Addressing a programme organised at the Afghan Embassy in New Delhi, Afghanistan's Charge d' affairs Mufti Noor Ahmed Noor expressed happiness that the relationship between India and Afghanistan is strengthening day-by-day. Last year, after the visit of Afghanistan's foreign affairs minister Amir Khan Muttaqi, the cooperation between the two countries in trade, economic and other sectors increased, which is necessary for the political stability, peace and development of this region. He stated that trade and shared cultural heritage between the two countries form the foundation of our



historical ties. He expressed gratitude to India for providing continuous humanitarian aid and economic support to the Afghan people during difficult times. He also said that some neighbouring countries are troubled by Afghanistan's strengthening ties with India, and are engaging in provocative actions by violating the border.

Etemaad (August 17) in its editorial welcomed the completion of five years of Taliban rule in Afghanistan and its control over the entire country. As per the editorial, due to the new leadership, Afghanistan is moving forward on the path of peace and development. However, due to lack of natural resources, there is a famine-like situation in several regions. According to the United Nations, half of the population still needs foreign aid to sustain themselves. The newspaper, while criticising the global community, said that majority of the nations have not granted official recognition to the Taliban government. The newspaper said that currently Russia is the only such nation in the world which has officially granted recognition to Taliban, whereas several other nations are awaiting the stand of the US and UK to take any step in this direction.

According to the newspaper, history bears witness to the fact that the biggest threat to Afghanistan is the civil war, but currently there is no such power which is capable of challenging Taliban. The Taliban rulers have also effectively curbed ISIS's violent plans.

The editorial, while opposing foreign interference in the internal affairs of the country, strongly supported the Taliban's strict Sharia-based system of governance.

USA declares 'Palestine Action' as terrorist group



Urdu Times (August 28) states that the US has declared the 'Palestine Action' group active in Britain as an international terrorist organisation and imposed stringent restrictions on them. The US administration alleged that this group is guilty of plotting violent attacks against Israel and the Jews. It is to be noted that Britain has already declared this organisation illegal and banned it, against which a legal battle is still on in British courts.

It is to be noted that the Palestine Action was founded in 2020. Its main goal is to target the military and weapons manufacturing companies linked to Israel in Britain. After the British government imposed a ban on this organisation, the police have so far arrested more than 3,000 people associated with this organisation, against whom legal action is being taken. Co-founder of Palestine Action group Huda Ammori told media that the goal of this organisation is to take action against Israeli war machinery and to save the lives of Palestinians so that Israel does not commit genocide using weapons manufactured on foreign soil.

He claimed that this action of the US and Britain is an open violation of the freedom of speech and civil rights. Through its official website, an appeal has been made to the public to unite and register their protest against the restrictive measures.

It is worth mentioning that this organisation first came to the world's attention after the start of the Hamas-Israel war on October 7, 2023. After this terror attack, this organisation stepped up its attacks on Israeli premises and military factories in different places in Britain.

Apart from Palestine Action, the US has also put yet another extremist digital service entity Autistici Inventati in the list of world terrorist networks. This apart, a ban has been imposed on another international Palestinian organisation named 'Masar Badll.' The US administration allege that both these organisations are working as frontal organisations for Palestine-based 'Popular Front for The Liberation of Palestine' which the US had already declared as a terrorist organisation.

Standoff continues between Iran and the US



Inqilab (August 31) reports that Iran's deputy foreign minister Kazem Gharibabadi stated that the Strait of Hormuz is still completely closed to commercial vessels. He refuted the US's claim which stated that the maritime route had been opened after removing naval mines.

Gharibabadi clarified that for the safe movement of ships, an agreement has been reached between Iran and Oman, under which only a temporary commercial route has been prepared. However, until the US fulfils its promises made under the Islamabad agreement, this main shipping route would not be opened for normal traffic.

According to newspaper reports, the US and Iran are making contrasting claims regarding the Strait of Hormuz. The US claims that commercial ships can pass safely through this region. On the other hand, Iran states that this route is completely under its control and no ship can leave from here without its permission.

Significantly, on June 18, 2026, the US and Iran signed an agreement for a ceasefire on all fronts. Under this, the two countries were supposed to reach a permanent agreement by holding talks

within 60 days. However, this time limit ended on August 17, 2026, without any final consensus, which has heightened tensions in the region once again.

Inqilab (August 29) reports that US President Donald Trump stated that US's military action against Iran is not over yet. He claimed that after the US military action, Iran is facing a severe economic crisis and its military capability is almost finished. He claimed that Iran has opened the Strait of Hormuz, but this is no guarantee of the end of US military action against Iran.

Inqilab (August 30) reports that Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian stated that if the US implements the agreement reached in Islamabad, Iran can consider opening the Strait of Hormuz. He said that an agreement had been reached with Oman that if any deal is made between Iran and the US, this waterway could be opened.

A roadmap was also prepared in this regard, which was presented to Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei. He stated that our conditional term is that the US must end the blockade on our borders and restore Iran's seized assets and blocked bank accounts. Along with this, if the US



gives a guarantee that Israel will not take any military action in Lebanon or Gaza in the future, then this matter can be considered.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 29) reports that the commander of US Central Command Admiral Brad Cooper, the US and allied forces have tightened the security perimeter in the Strait of Hormuz to regulate the movement of vessels violating international rules or falling under sanctions. He stated that in recent months, the US and international coalition forces have helped more than 5,000 commercial vessels pass through the Strait of Hormuz. Through these vessels, the supply of

approximately 750 million barrels of crude oil was facilitated, which helped avert a global energy crisis.

Admiral Cooper clarified that about 50,000 US soldiers are deployed in the West Asia region. The US Navy and its allies have neutralised sea mines laid by Iran along this maritime route. More than 80 warships and aircraft from the US and its allies are deployed to enforce security and rules in the Gulf region, which have driven back 75 vessels attempting to engage in suspicious activities or illegally breach blockades.

Aurangabad Times (August 31) reports that Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Syed Mojtaba Khamenei has appealed to Muslim countries around the world to identify their true enemies and help Iran eliminate them. In a written message, he stated that the US and Israel together are dividing the Muslim world. Strengthening Islamic unity on a global level is highly essential for this. All Muslim countries should forget their internal differences and unite on one platform for the protection of Islam, the Prophet, and the Quran.

Hezbollah refuses to disarm

Etemaad (August 30) reports that Sayyed Naim Qassem, the Secretary General of Lebanon's armed organisation Hezbollah, has rejected the ceasefire agreement between the Lebanese government and Israel. He announced that Hezbollah will continue its armed struggle against Israel and will not surrender its weapons to any international organisation.

Addressing the public on the Al-Manar TV channel, he stated, "We oppose the agreement reached between the Lebanese government and Israel and demand its cancellation." It is important to note that, as a retaliatory measure against Israeli attacks on Gaza, Hezbollah intensified its series of attacks on Israel on

March 2, 2026. Following this, Israel also started deadly attacks on Lebanon.

According to the Lebanese government, more than 4,300 Lebanese civilians have been killed so far in these military actions. In the month of June, playing the role of a mediator, the US brokered a peace agreement between the Lebanese government and Israel, in which it was decided that Hezbollah would completely disarm. Following this, the Israeli army would withdraw from southern Lebanon and the Lebanese army would be deployed there.

However, Hezbollah chief Naim Qassem flatly refused to accept this agreement, calling it illegal, insulting, and

against the sovereignty of Lebanon. He announced that by rejecting this agreement, they would continue their armed struggle against Israel. Following this rigid stance of Hezbollah, the Israeli army resumed its spree of airstrikes in Lebanon. In these attacks, the deaths of more than 70 people have been confirmed.

Urdu Times (August 31) reports that the US has alleged that Hezbollah, at the behest of Iran, wants to ruin the agreement reached between Israel and Lebanon. The US claimed that this agreement is crucial to save Lebanon from the destruction of war and to accelerate the pace of its economic growth. If Hezbollah agrees to disarmament in the interest of Lebanon, the US is ready to provide financial assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon.

Inquilab (August 25) reports that Houthi rebels have intensified their attacks on government-controlled areas of Yemen and Saudi Arabia. In view of this growing threat, Tariq Saleh, commander of the UN-recognised Yemeni government forces, said that protecting the Red Sea and liberating the Al-Hudaydah port and the capital Sana'a from Houthis is extremely necessary. He has demanded the launch of



a comprehensive military campaign with the cooperation of Saudi Arabia.

Tariq Saleh alleged that Houthi rebels, at the behest of Iran, are targeting several areas of Yemen and Saudi Arabia. These attacks have caused heavy damage to more than a dozen locations of the Saudi military. Additionally, recent attacks on oil refineries have also caused a drop in crude oil production.

According to the Saudi Press Agency, Houthis have launched fierce missile and drone attacks on Yemen's Mokha port, resulting in commercial ships docked at the port catching fire. Houthi rebels have warned that this series of attacks on the Saudi coalition and its military installations will continue.

Major conflict between Syria and Israel

Inquilab (August 24) reports that Syria's foreign minister, Asaad Al-Shaibani, gave a major statement regarding Israeli airstrikes. He stated that after these attacks on Syrian airports, Syria announced the termination of all types of relations with Israel. He alleged that the attacks carried out by Israel on the Abu al-Duhur military base in northwestern Syria proved that Israel is not complying with the ceasefire agreements.

The foreign minister made it clear that under the current circumstances, Israel cannot be trusted, and their main objective is to stop these attacks. On the other hand,

the US ambassador to Turkiye, Tom Barrack, stated that Israel's continuous illegal occupation of Syria's Golan Heights region is completely against United Nations regulations.

According to international law, the Golan Heights is an integral part of Syria. He mentioned that in 1981, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution regarding this, declaring the Israeli occupation invalid and requesting the area be vacated, because the actual ownership of this region belongs to Syria. Significantly, Israel had captured this region of Syria during the 1967 war. Later,

it passed a law claiming that this region is a part of Israel itself.

Etemaad (August 21) reports that Israel's defence minister, Israel Katz, alleged that Turkiye's President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is pushing Syria towards war. He warned that Israel would not give any country the opportunity to become a threat to its security. Katz made it clear that it is in Erdogan's interest not to instigate Syria against Israel. On the other hand, Turkiye completely rejected this claim by Israel that its army entered Syria and established military bases near the Israeli border.

Syria's foreign minister also dismissed Israel's allegations, clarifying that Syria has no intention of handing over any region to Turkiye. He stated that the Turkish army is not building a military base near the Israeli border, nor are there any future plans to deploy Turkish soldiers there. Earlier, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had also issued a stern warning to Syria against allowing Turkey to set up military bases near the Israeli border, it will have serious



consequences. Terming airstrikes carried out on Syrian hideouts as justified, he said that Israel has been forced to take this step due to security reasons.

Etemaad (August 30) Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan alleged that the Israeli government is in a frenzy of war and it is pushing this entire region towards the destruction of war. He appealed to Muslim countries to unite to protect Syria and take concrete action against those forces that are committed to wiping out Islam.

Demand to implement Shariah law in Turkiye

Urdu Times (August 27) reports that the demand for implementing Islamic Shariah law in Turkiye is rapidly gaining momentum. It is significant to note that after coming to power, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk passed a resolution in Turkiye deciding that Shariah law would not be implemented in the country and all laws would be based on a secular framework.

According to recent news, the Turkish government, under President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has arrested Alparslan Kuytul, a prominent Islamic scholar and leader of the Furkan Movement, on charges of opposing its policies. Along with him, his wife Semra



Kuytul and several prominent activists of the Furkan Movement have also been arrested.

It is significant that an agitation is being run by the Kuytul family to implement Islamic Shariah law within the



1997, he received education in Islam and Shariah from Al-Azhar University in Egypt. During this period, he established the Furkan Foundation, whose goal was to establish a governance system based on the Quran, Sunnah, and Shariah. This movement has now gained considerable momentum in Turkiye.

Furkan Movement. This arrest has taken place at a time when the public in Turkiye is running an agitation against the US and Erdoğan amid the ongoing war between Iran and the US. According to local media, following a crackdown by the country's financial and criminal investigation agencies against Alparslan Kuytul, the founder of the Furkan Foundation, 56 supporters, including his family members, have been arrested on charges of fraud, money laundering, and tax evasion.

In Turkiye, Kuytul is known as a radical Islamic leader. Between 1993 and

Every Juma (Friday), he visits mosques in various regions of Turkiye to address the congregations, urging them to unite for an Islamic system as opposed to the secular system established by Kemal Atatürk. He also emphasizes that the Turks, Kurds, and Arabs living in Turkiye, instead of fighting each other on the basis of race, should unite on the basis of Islam to establish a complete Islamic governance system in the country. He presents his identity to the public as a protector of Sunni and Hanafi ideology.

Coup attempt fails in Niger



Inquilab (September 1) reports that an attempt to overthrow the military government in the West African country of Niger has failed. This rebellion was carried out by a mutinous group within the army

itself, in which dozens of rebel soldiers were killed, and hundreds were arrested. The international airport located in the country's capital, Niamey, and the areas surrounding the presidential palace



witnessed fierce fighting between both factions.

After two days of conflict, the government, with Russian military assistance, succeeded in suppressing the rebels and fully liberated the airport from them. It is significant to note that this airport in Niamey is under the joint command of Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso. Russian soldiers are deployed here for security arrangements.

A Russian spokesperson in Moscow told the state news agency Tass that the Russian army provided assistance in thwarting the rebellion at the request of the Niger government. According to a spokesperson for the Russian Foreign Ministry, Russia's military contingents deployed in Africa under the name Africa Corps played an important role in crushing this rebellion. The spokesperson said that Russia will continue to help the Niger government crush the rebels, who have the implicit support of Western countries. A spokesperson for the Niger government in the capital, Niamey, claimed that the entire country is now under the full control of President General Abdourahamane Tchiani's government.

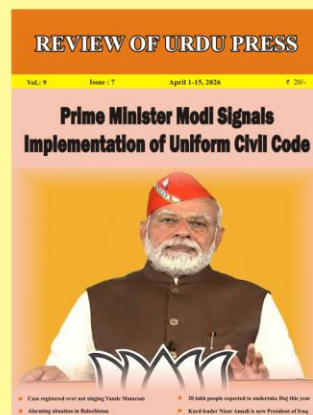
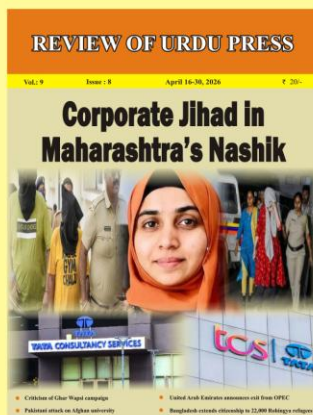
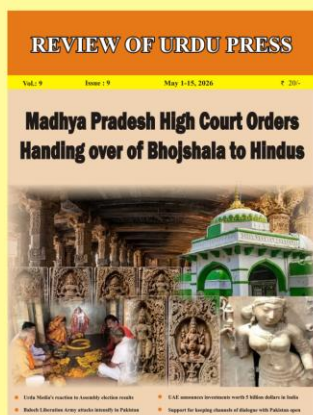
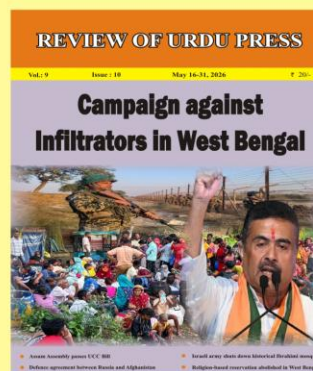
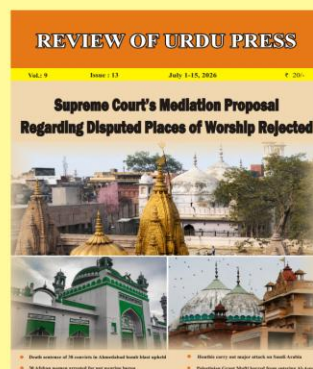
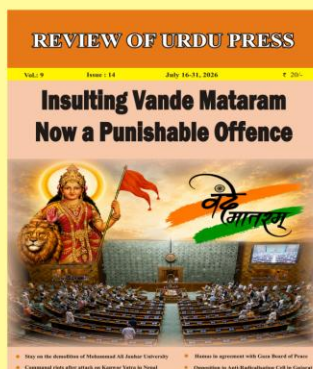
It is significant to note that this was the third attempt this year to overthrow the Niger government. According to official

claims, the role of US intelligence agencies in the planning of this rebellion is being investigated. It is worth noting that Niger has vast reserves of uranium, oil, and gold. After the military overthrew President Mohamed Bazoum's government in July 2023, Army Chief General Abdourahamane Tchiani has held power, receiving support from Russia.

This country has vast reserves of uranium, which is used in nuclear energy. This is the reason why there is a race between Russia and the US to increase influence in this strategic region.

Inquilab (August 31) reports that the rebels had attempted to assassinate the President by attacking the international airport and the presidential house. This war continued for two days. In the beginning, the rebels captured the government television centre and radio station. Later, the government army, with the help of the Africa Corps, foiled the attack on the presidential house and freed the television and radio station centres from their control, but fighting continued at the airport for two consecutive days.

According to government sources, Islamist terrorist groups associated with al Qaeda and ISIS, who have been trying to create instability in this region for the past year, were also behind these attacks.



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