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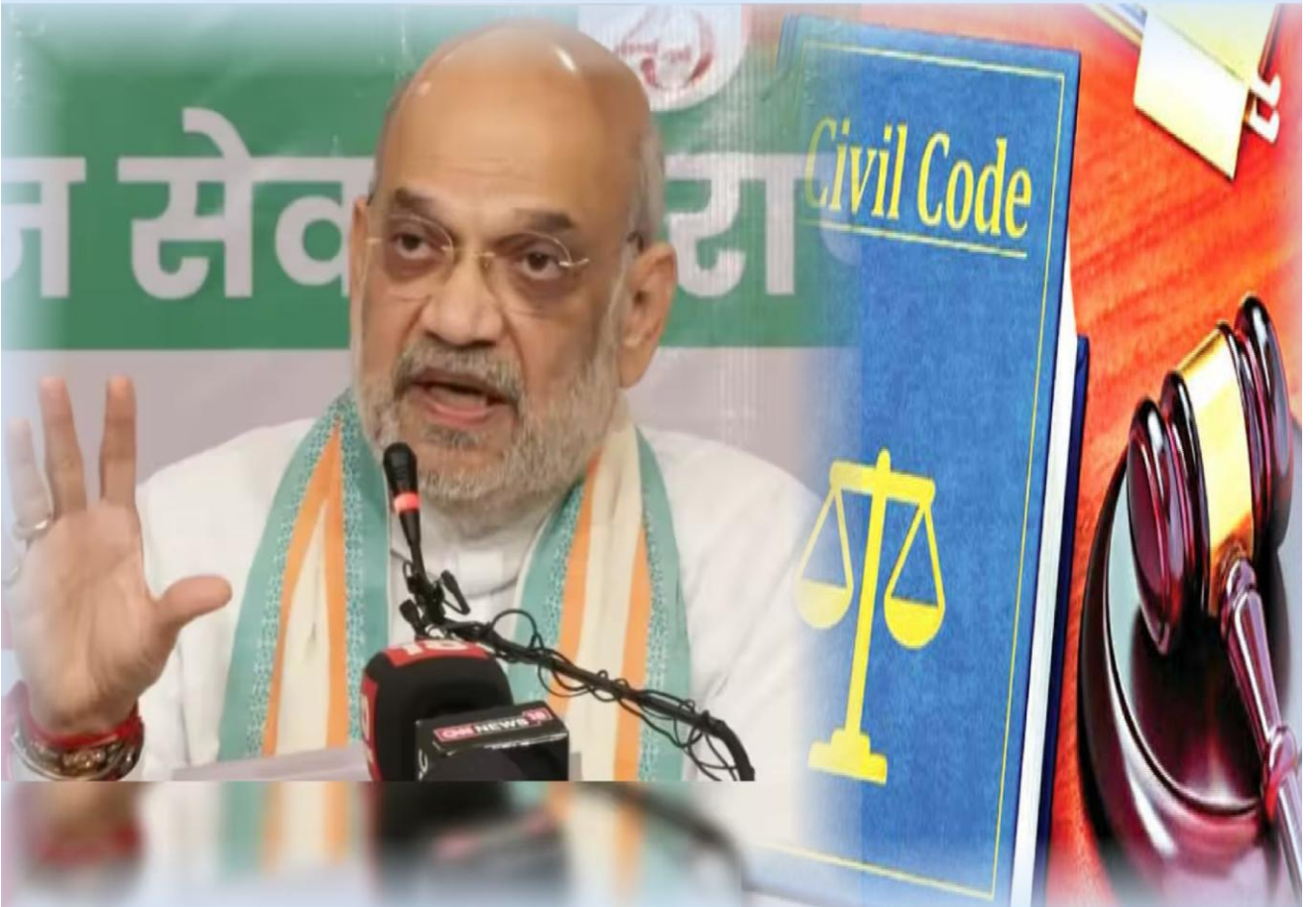
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Summary

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had recently announced that by 2029, all NDA-ruled states will implement the Uniform Civil Code. With this big announcement by the Home Minister, Muslim organisations and the Urdu press have started strongly criticising it. Various Urdu newspapers have started specifically stressing that several regional parties which are part of the NDA are not in favour of implementing the UCC in the country, and hence the Modi government needs to take a relook on this sensitive matter. These newspapers have clearly warned Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu that if they do not put pressure on the Central government and stop the intention to implement the UCC, the Muslim vote bank could completely shift.

At the behest of foreign powers, a concerted campaign is underway across the world to tarnish the image of the BJP and the Modi government at the Centre. A narrative is being spread that communally minded people are present in the administrative system and judiciary of India and they are working in a biased manner. This propaganda has further intensified after the demolition of an illegal mosque constructed on the premises of the Saharanpur Collectorate in Uttar Pradesh on the basis of the directions of a local court. The strange thing is that several foreign Muslim media institutions like 'Al Jazeera' are also overactive in order to amplify this narrative at the global level.

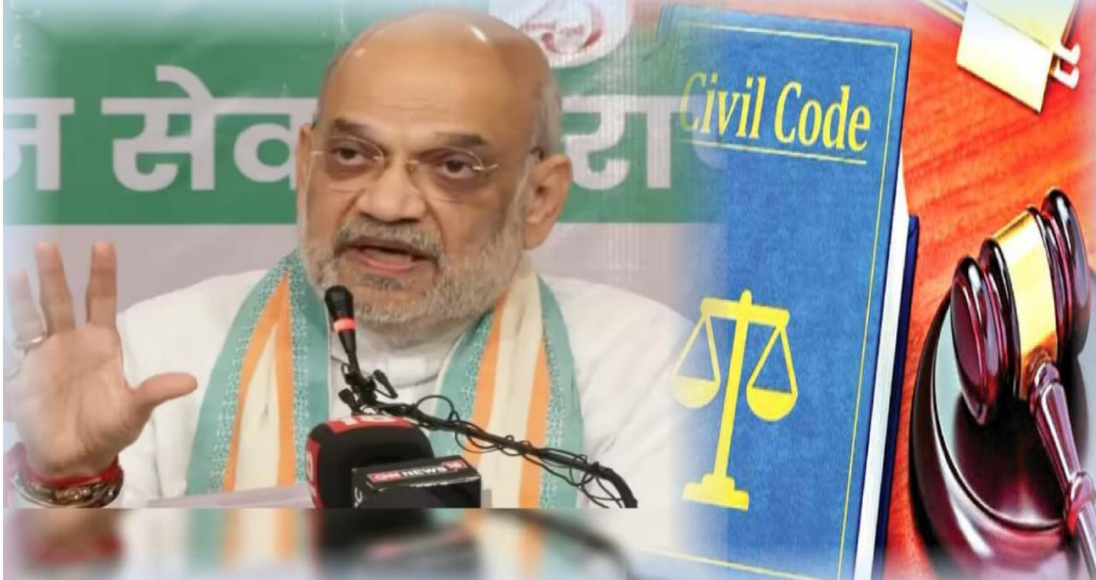
Some Muslim organisations have started making preparations for a nationwide protest against the BJP government with the cooperation of so-called secular parties and their leaders. Muslim organisation All India Muslim Personal Law Board has announced to take this campaign to the village level for the protection of Islam and Shariah. On the other hand, a national conference of Muslim thinkers, political leaders and intellectuals have been held recently. At this meeting, an announcement has been made about the constitution of a 51-member national monitoring committee under the leadership of prominent leaders like former Union Minister Salman Khurshid and former Rajya Sabha MP Mohammad Adib. This committee will probe the violation of the rights of minorities and the so-called incidents of persecution across the country. It has also announced the establishment of a permanent 10-member secretariat to smoothly run this organisation.

Pakistan's self-proclaimed Field Marshal Asim Munir is rapidly emerging as the fifth military dictator of Pakistan. The position of Asim Munir has become more strong due to the political situation that has emerged in Pakistan after 'Operation Sindoor.' He put pressure on the ruling Sharif family and got the 'Defence Forces of Pakistan Act, 2026' passed through a Constitutional Amendment. Till now, the chiefs of army, air force and the navy used to operate separately and they used to report to a joint committee. Following the amendments made in Pakistan's Constitution and the law, Asim Munir has become the supreme commander of all the three wings of the armed forces and the control of the country's nuclear power has also completely come under him.

The situation in West Asia is becoming explosive day-by-day. Iran-supported Houthi rebels and the Shia militia groups active in Iraq have opened a new front against Saudi Arabia. Houthi rebels have virtually halted Saudi Arabian shipping in the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab Strait. It looks like Iran's intention is to cripple Saudi Arabia economically by disrupting its global oil supplies.

National

Opposition to Home Minister Amit Shah's statement on Uniform Civil Code



Inquilab (September 14) reports that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had claimed that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will be implemented in all the 21 states ruled by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) before the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. It is to be noted that the UCC is in force in Uttarakhand since January 2025. This apart, states like Gujarat, Assam and Madhya Pradesh have taken credible steps towards implementing the same. Meanwhile, committees have been constituted to prepare the draft for the implementation of the UCC in states like Maharashtra, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh.

Inquilab (September 15) states that different voices have begun to emerge among some constituent parties following this announcement by Home Minister Amit Shah. Janata Dal (United) said that there should be wider consultations with the stakeholders concerned before taking any final decision in this connection. Senior JD-U leader Shyam Rajak clarified that his party may be talking about supporting the UCC in Parliament, but it will not allow it to be implemented in Bihar under any

circumstance. On the contrary, another constituent party of NDA, Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), openly supported the statement of Amit Shah. Party leader Santosh Kumar Suman said there are definitely positive things in the UCC and to implement it is in the spirit of the Indian Constitution.

On the other hand, the chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Asaduddin Owaisi took strong objection to the statement of Amit Shah. He said the Law Commission had made it clear that neither there is any need to implement UCC in the country nor it is desirable. He alleged that the real reason for implementing the UCC is to impose Hindu law on non-Hindus, which is against the religious freedom guaranteed in the Constitution. Owaisi also said the BJP is amplifying this controversy in view of the forthcoming elections.

Aurangabad Times (September 16) states that Jamiat Ulema (Kerala) said that not just Muslims, people belonging to Buddhist, Jain and Christian communities are also not ready to accept UCC. Jammu Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

also strongly opposed it. He described it as a major step towards making the country a Hindu Rashtra.

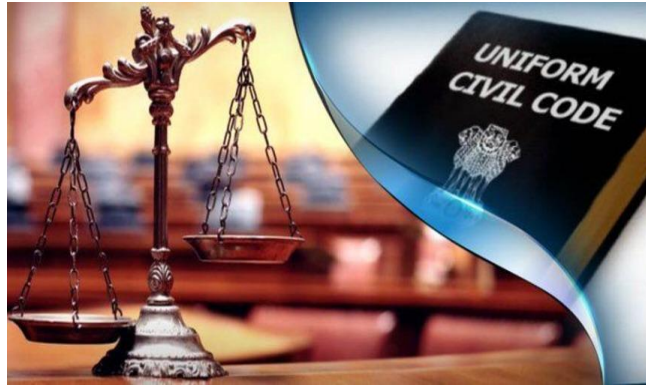
Urdu Times (September 16) reports that NDA's constituent party Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has declined to comment on the issue of UCC at this time. On the other hand, Communist Party of India (Marxist) alleged that the BJP is stressing on the UCC just to strengthen its vote bank. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha also, while raising questions over the intentions of the government, said the government is adopting such incidents in order to divert the attention of the public from basic issues like the increasing price rise and unemployment in the country. Similarly, Congress leader Rajendra Pal Gautam alleged that the popularity of BJP among the public has totally vanished. Hence, polarising issues like illegal infiltration, UCC and Muslim religious places are being deliberately raked up again in view of the forthcoming elections.

Inqilab (September 15) in its editorial said the announcement on implementing the UCC is a part of the original political agenda of BJP. By raising such a sensitive and emotional issue, the party wants to divert the attention of the public from the burning problems of the country.

The newspaper said that parties like TDP and JD-U claim to be a sympathizer of Muslims, but now the issue of UCC has become a major political test for them. The newspaper warned that the BJP may succeed in implementing this due to their majority in the Parliament, but this will lead to the elimination of its allies at the grassroots level.

Urdu Times (September 16) in its editorial claimed the country has practically transformed into a Hindu nation and it does not require any imaginary thinking to accept this reality.

It is said in the editorial that the secular parties are consistently giving the



assurance that they will not allow the country to become a Hindu Rashtra, but seeing the current situation we are forced to accept that India has now become a Hindu nation.

It is claimed in the editorial that "RSS's affiliated organisation 'Abhinav Bharat' – whose headquarters is said to be in Israel capital---has prepared a new constitution and national flag. This has been revealed in the chargesheet filed in the court in connection with the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case."

As per the editorial, today people belonging to the RSS are in every top position in the country, even to the extent of judiciary. Muslims have no place in any important post. Even if some Muslims are in important positions, no stone is being left unturned to punish them.

Its latest example is that of IPS officer of West Bengal, Bushra Bano. While addressing the students of Aligarh Muslim University in online mode, she said 'Aslamu Alaikum' and at the end of her speech said 'Inshah Allah.' Angered by this, West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari ordered her punishment and Bushra was transferred.

However, this activity of the IPS officer was not illegal. It is clear from this that the country has become Hindu Rashtra and a Muslim officer cannot even say 'salam.' The Constitution and the country's secularism are crushed at every step. Bushra Bano's case is not a minor one. There should be nationwide debate on this. The step taken by the West Bengal government is unconstitutional and

condemnable. The President should take immediate cognizance of the same. Every Muslim need to understand that this country has now completely become a Hindu Rashtra, where they do not have any space.

Hindustan (September 17) has written in its editorial that the BJP has already prepared the election agenda for the general elections to be held in 2029. For the past 12 years, the party has been throwing dust in the eyes of the people by raising the slogan 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas.' Now the BJP leaders understood that the people of the country are not going to fall for this fraud and hence they have again stepped up the campaign to divide the Indian society on religious basis. The newspaper also said that majority of the parties in the NDA have opposed the implementation of the UCC. The question is if the allies of the ruling party themselves are not agreeing for the implementation, then how come Amit Shah made this announcement?

Etemaad (September 16) in its editorial has written that the UCC is a political agenda of the ruling party at the Centre. The newspaper asked whether this isn't a blow to the very nature of a multi-religious country like India? The strange thing is that at one level the government claims to implement the UCC on all sections of the country, on the other hand, it does not have the courage to implement this law on the Adivasis. The question is what will the ordinary citizens of the country get from this law and will the religious nature of different religions and castes remain intact?

Urdu Times (September 15) said that majority of the parties in the NDA are opposing the implementation of the UCC in the country. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu understands that if he supports the implementation of the UCC, his Muslim vote bank will be angry with him. The JD-U of Nitish Kumar also faces the same situation. If these two parties announce withdrawal of support to the



Modi government, then Prime Minister Modi will have to resign from his post. However, the important question is whether the gap in the walk and talk of these leaders vanish? The magic of BJP is fading fast and the majority of Hindus in the country are no longer going to be influenced by its magical announcements. For Muslims, it is necessary to question this black law before the Supreme Court.

Hamara Samaj (September 15) in its editorial alleged that the current ruling party wants to impose its agenda of Hindu Rashtra on Muslims on the pretext of UCC. The entire nature of Muslims' Shariah will be finished with the implementation of the UCC and their separate identity will be erased.

Munsif (September 15) said the statement of Amit Shah on NDA-ruled states implementing the UCC is against the spirit of the Indian Constitution, Islam and the Shariah. Muslim Personal Law is a part of Islam and it was implemented by Allah. No institution or the government has any right to interfere in this. The newspaper complained that the government is continuously interfering in the Shariah law of Muslims in order to implement the its agenda of Hindu Rashtra. A ban has been imposed on triple-talaq. Laws relating to wills, gifts and adoption are forcibly imposed on Muslims. In order to protect the Shariah, it is necessary that the Muslims need awareness. It is not possible through legal means, because those who sit in the judiciary today keep a particular mindset, from whom there is no hope for Muslims to get justice.

Uproar over demolition of illegal mosque in Saharanpur

Inquilab (September 6) states a masjid built on the premises of the Collectorate in Saharanpur district has been demolished by the administration, which the Muslim side has been claiming to be 115 years old. On the other hand, the state government and the local administration claim this masjid was built on government land in an illegal manner, which has been demolished following a lengthy legal battle and after the orders of the court. The issue of the demolition of this masjid has been raised at international platform as well. 'Al Jazeera' and other foreign media organisations propagated this video in Arab countries, whose purpose was to incite the sentiments of Muslim nations against the Indian government.



The masjid management committee claim that they have the documents related to this masjid with them, as per which this masjid was built in 1911. Later, a government Collectorate was built on this land. The mosque was demolished on the orders of the city magistrate after the district court rejected the appeal.

Before the demolition action, the entire locality was sealed and overnight its debris was picked up and thrown 10 kilometers away. Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party, Congress and Muslim organisations strongly criticised the demolition of this masjid.

Chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Arshad Madani, described this incident as proof of government's anti-Muslim policy. He said the masjids are being targeted only because they are the places of worship for Muslims. He said that despite the presence of Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act, 1991 passed by the Parliament, the masjids and dargahs are being targeted due to political reasons. AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said this masjid was 115

years old. All the documents related to the masjid were produced in the court, but due to pressure from the government the court overlooked these documents.

Samajwadi Party MP Iqra Hasan said demolishing any religious place in this manner is proof of dictatorship. He claimed that after receiving information about this incident, he wanted to go to Saharanpur, but the administration detained him in his own house. Congress MP Imran Masood urged Muslims that they should not get provoked and do not hit the streets, because only they will suffer the damages. He said efforts should be made to deal this matter solely through legal means.

Aurangabad Times (September 12) reports that Advocate Mohammad Tanvir Ahmad filed a petition before the Allahabad High Court challenging the demolition of the masjid. His argument was that the decision of the Saharanpur administration was a violation of Article 227 of the Indian Constitution. The petition questioned the decisions of Saharanpur city magistrate Kuldeep Singh and District Judge Satyendra Kumar. In this case, apart from the Uttar Pradesh government, the manager of the masjid Maulavi Abdul Hamid was also made a respondent. A single judge bench of Justice Rohit Ranjan Agrawal issued a temporary stay on the recovery of Rs 6.41 crore penalty imposed



notice over illegal construction of a masjid in Etah district in Uttar Pradesh.

The Urdu newspapers have strongly reacted to the notices issued to masjids constructed in an illegal manner in different parts of the country. They have unleashed a jihad against the state governments concerned in this connection.

Urdu Times (September 6) in its editorial has condemned the demolition of masjid in

Saharanpur. The newspaper alleged that this matter is not limited to Saharanpur. For the past few years, the BJP-ruled state governments have unleashed a campaign to demolish the masjids, dargahs and mazars of Muslims on the pretext of illegal construction. Though the courts had given directions time and again in this connection, the administration had always overlooked them. The question is when the managing committee of this masjid had filed an appeal before the high court, what was the hurry in demolishing it? This is definitely an alarm bell for the existence of Muslims.

An article published in **Hindustan** (September 9), has condemned the demolition of a masjid in Saharanpur. The newspaper has written that this was a lesson for Muslims which they should never forget. Now, it is not the time to sit idle.

The debris of the masjid in Saharanpur is giving the message that the Muslim community should stop their lethargy and come forward to protect their mosques, shrines, graveyards and shrines.

Hamara Samaj (September 9) in its editorial advised Muslim representatives to drown themselves in running water in view of the manner in which Muslims' rights are violated due to their carelessness in politics.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 8), while mentioning about the masjid in Saharanpur, wrote that this elegy (song of mourning) is not just about a mosque, but a

on the masjid managing committee by the city magistrate.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 11) reports that the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has rejected the two petitions filed by the masjid managing committee against the removal of the nearly 100-year-old Shahi Masjid located in Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh. Following this verdict of the court, the legal hurdle in the beautification plan of the Gopal Mandir Marg has gone. The masjid managing committee said it would challenge this verdict of the high court in the Supreme Court.

Qaumi Bharat (September 8) in a news stated that the district administration has issued a notice to remove four masjids located in Deoband.

Qaumi Tanzeem (September 5) states that the administration has launched an investigation into the claim that the Baba Bahauddin Shah Masjid located at the main roundabout of Chaudhary Sarai in Sambhal was built on government land. In this connection, the national coordinator of Kalki Sena Subhash Chandra Tyagi demanded the district magistrate to conduct an inquiry.

Etemaad (September 9) states that the district administration has issued a notice to the Mustafa Masjid located in Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh. The administration has claimed that this mosque was constructed without getting the map approved.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 2) states that the administration has issued a

testimony to our insensitivity and distance from religion. Now masjids, khangahs and kabristans are being razed.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 9) said that the way public anger is rising against BJP, Modi and Yogi in the country, a campaign has been unleashed to remove any known mosque or madrasa in any Muslim town in order retain their power. Even the Darul Uloom Deoband is on the target.

The over 100-year old masjid in Saharanpur became an easy target for the communal government. Therefore, a round-the-clock plan was hatched and the Hindutva forces entrusted this task to a ruthless and unruly group to destroy this historical building in the name of court proceedings. The newspaper further wrote that now the Muslims of the country should join Asaduddin Owaisi's party AIMIM, because his one roar itself creates new enthusiasm among the Muslims. Muslim political parties, organisations and the so-called leaders should stop organizing press conferences in their fancy offices and venting their anger through social media.

For how long will they continue to verbally protest the destruction of their mosques and madrasas? Will we ever move forward?

Hindustan Express (September 7) said that instead of just blaming the government, Muslims need to look within themselves.

The Saharanpur incident is a major warning to Muslims and their religious institutions. Muslims should no longer live in this illusion that their 100-year-old masjid will be fully safe. They should keep their documents ready so that they could strongly prove their credentials in the court.

In his article published in **Etemaad** (September 13), Masoom Moradabadi claimed that a campaign has been

unleashed across the country to demolish masjids after declaring them as illegal. It feels as if the government machinery, in collaboration with communal organisations, has declared a nationwide war against mosques. However, there are thousands of such temples in this country which are constructed in an illegal manner on government land, but till today not a single notice has been issued to them. The strange thing is that the city magistrate of Saharanpur on July 16, 2026 declared the masjid as illegal and imposed a fine of Rs 6.41 crore on its management committee. The writer said from where will the masjids which had to arrange each and every penny to provide salary to their imams and muajjns, find the crores of rupees?

Awadhnama (September 11) said that due to the flames of communalism that spread in the country after the demolition of Babri Masjid, the BJP emerged as a prominent political power in the country and they captured power. This made Hindus feel that the time has come to make the country a Hindu nation. During the 10-year rule of the Congress, instead of stopping the poison of communalism, Muslims were being targeted on the pretext of terrorism. Due to bomb blasts and news about fake terrorism, a message had gone to Hindus that the Manmohan Singh government that runs on remote control have failed to provide security to the country. The BJP took advantage of this situation. After the Gujarat riots, Narendra Modi emerged as a strong Hinduvadi leader and he seized power by spreading sentiments of hatred against Muslims in the minds of the majority community. After his coming to power, now it has become difficult for Muslims to survive. In order to erase the Shariah and Islam of Muslims, every new law is being created and Muslims are feeling helpless.

Declaration of nationwide agitation to protect Islam and Shariah



Inquilab (September 1) states that All India Muslim Personal Law Board has announced the starting of a nationwide agitation for the protection of Islam and Shariah. The programme will begin in New Delhi and the agitation will continue for three months. In this connection, several leaders including the vice-chairman of the board Syed, Sadatullah Hussaini, held a press conference at the Press Club of India. The leaders said that in the past few years, a situation has arisen in the country where the Muslims have to face discriminatory policies in religious, social, political and economic fields. They are now realising that Islam, Muslims and their Shariah are not safe in this country. Muslims are being subjected to violence by the mob and also made targets of the bulldozer action.

It has been alleged at the press conference that a campaign to target masjids, madrasas and Muslim educational institutions has been on and illegal occupation of Waqf properties and kabristans is taking place. This apart, Muslims are indiscriminately arrested and they are deprived of religious freedom. However, the Constitution of the country gives a guarantee for the rights of the minorities and no interference in their religious and educational matters. Despite

this, the UCC law has been implemented in several states and the Muslim personal law has been abolished and the national song Vande Mataram is forcibly imposed on Muslims.

The board also announced that it would seek the cooperation of the organisations and thinkers belonging to the secular ideology in the society to protect the rights of the Muslims. Its goal is to protect the religious, financial, social, political and educational rights of Muslims in the country. This apart, their masjids, maqbaras, kabristans and dargahs also need to be protected. In the press conference, it has also been announced that a 'white paper' will be released regarding the campaign undertaken to weaken the Constitutional rights of Muslims. This will be presented to media, human rights organisations, thinkers, people's representatives and supporters of secular ideology so that the propaganda unleashed by the ruling party against Muslims could be exposed.

It has been announced at the press conference that a nationwide campaign will be launched with the support of all sections of the country that believe in justice, democracy and the Constitution, religious-social organizations, lawyers and civil



legal, economic and educational rights of the Muslims. The leaders clarified that it would be great initiative from Indian Muslims. They said they have come here not for begging, but to say that every citizen in this country has his right, which should not be violated under any cost.

Former Rajya Sabha MP Mohammad Adib said

society. The goal of this campaign is to protect the Shariah, fair enforcement of law, to achieve justice and strengthen social harmony and national unity. In order to run this agitation, a 'Majlis-e-Amal' (action committee) has been constituted. Under this, the administration in every state and district of the country will be requested to contact the Prime Minister so that the encroachment on the constitutional rights of minorities can be stopped. This apart, public meetings and protests will be organised in different places in the country and public awareness will be created over injustice and discrimination against Muslims.

Qaumi Bharat (September 2) reports that a national conference of prominent Muslim thinkers and leaders was organised in New Delhi. In this conference, an announcement has been made about constituting a 51-member 'national monitoring committee' to protect the rights of Muslims. This committee will prepare a Constitutional, legal and political action plan regarding the rights of Indian Muslims. Selected members from social, religious, legal experts, political leaders and people belonging to civil society in the country will be included in this committee. Addressing the correspondents, former Union Minister Salman Khurshid and other Muslim leaders claimed that this committee will work for the Constitutional, religious,

this committee has been constituted not against the agitation being undertaken by the Muslim Personal Law Board. He clarified that we are under Muslim Personal Law Board in matters related to Shariah and will fight for our rights as per their directions. Nadeem Khan said that the houses, mosques, dargahs and kabristans of Muslims are being demolished in the entire country. This apart, a campaign has been unleashed to demolish the educational institutions of Muslims. Madrasas are being shut down across the country so that Muslims could be removed from their God, Prophet and the Quran and they do not have any existence. Today, Islam and Muslims are in danger and it is necessary for people belonging to secular ideology to get united to protect themselves. A 10-member board has been formed separately for the supervision of the secretariat of this committee.

Mumbai Urdu News (September 3) states that it has also been decided at this meeting that if the legal and constitutional rights of Muslims are infringed in any part of the country, representatives of this committee will be sent to the spot to ascertain the actual situation. This representative will hold talks with the local people and social organisations there and understand the reality. In this meeting, senior lawyer Kapil Sibal was also especially present.

Criticism of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's statement



The Urdu newspapers' campaign against the BJP and RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat continues as before.

Inquilab (September 4) in its news claimed that two religious leaders of the US alleged that they were not intimidated that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat would also be taking part in the programme in which they were invited. These two leaders accused the organisers of misleading them by concealing the facts.

It is to be noted that Mohan Bhagwat had addressed 'One World, One Humanity' event at Madison Square Garden in New York a few days ago. More than 5,000 people took part in this programme. Senior priest of Riverside Church Adriene Thorne alleged that had he known beforehand that the Sangh chief would be participating in this event, he would never have attended it, given the way minorities are being persecuted by the RSS in India.

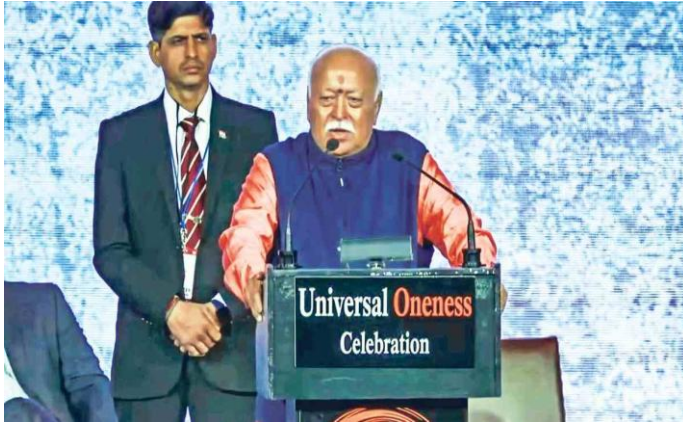
Muslim religious leader in New York, Imam Shamsi Ali, has also made a similar complaint. He claimed that the organisers of this programme had given an invitation to him, but the invitation had hidden the fact that Mohan Bhagwat would be honoured at the event. Imam clarified that if he had known about this, he would not have participated in the programme at all. Imam said the statement given by Mohan Bhagwat in New York regarding Muslims is the biggest lie and it has

nothing to do with reality. He admitted that it was a big mistake on his part to take part in this programme. On the other hand, Rajya Sabha MP of Trinamool Congress Sagarika Ghosh said the RSS organized this event in the US to mask its anti-minority agenda.

Aurangabad Times (September 3) states that a group of at least 90 political leaders of the US took an oath that they would not maintain any relationship with any such Hindu organisation, which is linked to the RSS. In this connection, a six-page collective pledge has been published in the US media. Those who signed it include US MP Pramila Jayapal, Ro Khanna, Robin Kelly and Abdul El-Sayed etc. All these leaders expressed their resolve not to accept any financial help from any individual or organisations linked to the RSS or its affiliates. US Parliamentarian of Indian origin Ro Khanna also clarified that he recently received a donation of 6,600 dollars from a billionaire, but after getting information that he is linked to the RSS, he decided to return the money.

Those leaders who took this pledge is part of the process of running election campaigns and raising funds within the American political system.

They want to prevent the RSS from forming a 'Political Action Committee' in the US or influencing American elections.



In the US media, local organisations are running a campaign against the increasing influence of the RSS, as per which an appeal has been made not to accept election funding from people associated with it or its organisations.

Inquilab (September 4) in its editorial has written that the statement given by Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat in New York is welcome to the extent that, “those Hindus who think Muslims should not stay in Bharat cannot be called a Hindu.” However, the editorial states that Mohan Bhagwat has to clarify that if the Hindus who call for expelling Muslims from India, socially boycotting them, sending them to Pakistan, and spreading hatred against them do not represent the RSS, then what steps has the RSS taken against such elements to date?

Is this statement of Bhagwat meant to impress the international audience in New York, and does it hold any real value on the ground in India? Today, there are reports of inflammatory speeches and violence against Muslims from different parts of the country.

Several incidents have come to the fore in which their religious places and properties were destroyed using bulldozers in several places. In such an atmosphere, it is not enough just to say that India belongs to Muslims as well, instead there is a need to clarify what concrete action has been taken against the elements opposing this multicultural mindset?

According to the newspaper, an incident in Uttarakhand capital Dehradun

had come to light, where a person who had returned after undertaking Umrah in Saudi Arabia, had been made a target of online hatred after he uploaded his photo with a Pakistani citizen on social media. This issue is not limited to any individual, instead it raises questions about the rule of the law. The main question is what action did the local administration take on this issue? This apart, a question

that arises before the RSS leadership is that if they consider India's Muslims to be equal citizens—just like Hindus—then why do they not adopt a stern stance regarding such hate-mongering incidents?

Mumbai Urdu News (September 12) has warned that Indian Muslims should not fall prey to the illusion that the RSS is becoming a sympathizer of Muslims, because such a thing is impossible.

The speech delivered by Mohan Bhagwat in New York is fine for mere amusement, but the Sangh chief should be judged not by the beauty of his words, but in light of the Sangh's long-standing attitude, ideology, and actions on the ground.

The question is if one cannot think of a Bharat without Muslims, why does this still have to be said today? Does the presence of Muslims in India depend on anyone's permission? Muslims are citizens of Bharat. They are not guests living at the mercy of any organization or any majority society.

The newspaper said Mohan Bhagwat had already said several times in the past that Hindus and Muslims are one, only their mode of worship is different. In the year 2025, he had also said that RSS does not believe in attacking anyone on the basis of their religion and no Hindu can imagine Islam not existing in India.

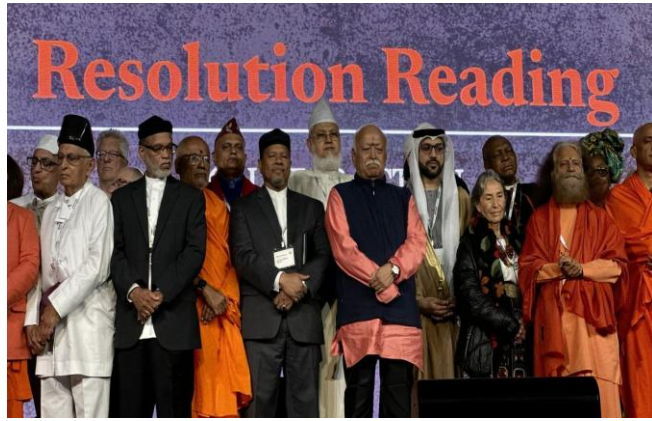
The real question is, are these claims just limited to statements? Has the anti-Muslim stand of the RSS changed? The second Sarsanghchalak of RSS had clearly

stated Muslims, Christians and Communists as the biggest enemies of the nation. The truth is that even today the ideology of the RSS is the same that it was 100 years ago. The question is, when will the tall claims that Bhagwat had made in the US be implemented in Bharat?

Urdu Times (September 5) in its editorial said that Mohan Bhagwat had proudly announced in New York that the Muslims in India are Indians, and there should not be any discrimination with them. A few days ago, the manner in which two Muslim journalists were beaten up in a police station in Delhi, was that in tune with the claims of Mohan Bhagwat? The truth is that the flames of hatred are spread against Muslims and there is a sharp increase in fatal attacks on them.

In the past three-four days itself several such incidents took place in different parts of the country. In Tripura, when a Muslim animal trader was returning home after buying a cow, a mob of gaurakshaks had brutally beaten him to death, suspecting him to be a cow-smuggler. It is a bitter truth that Muslims are being killed on the pretext of protecting cow. After the statement of Mohan Bhagwat, such incidents should have stopped, but it did not happen.

Hindustan (September 7) alleged that there is no similarity between the claims of RSS chief and the real situation in the country. There is huge difference in his walk and talk. The social unity and



mutual harmony, which Mohan Bhagwat stresses, are not visible at the ground level. This unity would be possible when the majority community stops spreading hatred against the minorities. The gap between the two communities had increased to such an extent that today both are even afraid of each other's shadows. It has become difficult for any Muslim to grow beard or wear a cap. If Muslims have to give evidence for their patriotism even 80 years after Independence, then it is a question of shame.

The newspaper said that if this nation belongs to everyone, then why venomous slogans like "Two places for Muslims, one in Pakistan and the other Kabristan," are raised? Today bulldozers are run over the buildings and mosques of Muslims. Muslims are being harassed under the guise of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Special Intensive Revision (SIR), UCC and the new laws on Waqf. This step clearly shows the attitude of the Sangh Parivar. This completely exposes the duplicity of Mohan Bhagwat's claim.

Order to shut down 252 madrasas in West Bengal

Inquilab (September 14) reports that the West Bengal government has ordered immediate closure of 252 madrasas functioning in the state without any recognition. This apart, showcause notices have been issued to more than 100 other madrasas over serious irregularities. The government claims that these madrasas do

not have the necessary government recognition, registration and basic infrastructure. The action has been taken by the department of minority affairs and madrasa education. Minister of the department Kshudiram Tudu said if the madrasas to which the notices have been issued did not give a satisfactory reply or



produce the legal documents within the stipulated time frame, they will also be shut down.

It is to be noted that in the 2026-27 budget, the West Bengal government has cut the allocation for minority welfare and madrasa education from Rs 5,713 crore to Rs 2,165 crore. The government's claim is that a largescale survey had been undertaken in all the districts of West Bengal in June, after which a decision has been taken to shut down these illegal and unrecognised madrasas. The highest number of 44 madrasas to be shut down is in Malda district, whereas in North Dinajpur, 37 madrasas will be shut down and in 24 Parganas, 32 madrasas will be shut down. This apart, the state government has made it mandatory to sing 'Vande Mataram' during the prayers in all recognised madrasas. Earlier, national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' and Islamic song 'Ananta Ashim Premomoyi Tumi' written by poet Gulam Mustafa used to be sung in these madrasas.

Hindustan Express (September 15) reports that following the implementation of a new law regarding madrasas in Uttarakhand, 179 out of the previously registered 452 madrasas have been shut down, whereas 19 madrasas have been sealed on charges of violating the rules. Under the new system, a total of 134 madrasas have submitted fresh applications, out of which 30 have been accepted and granted approval till now, while 54 have not submitted any application under the new system. Earlier, 270 madrasas were registered in Haridwar district, out of which only 21 have been granted recognition till now, whereas 102

madrasas have been shut down and four have been sealed. In Uddham Singh Nagar district, earlier 119 madrasas were registered, out of which only 4 have been granted recognition, whereas the matter related to the recognition of 48 madrasas is still pending and rest all madrasas have been shut down.

Earlier, a total of 21 madrasas were registered in Dehradun, out of which three have been granted recognition and the issue of recognition of eight is still pending. Rest of the madrasas have been shut down. In Nainital district, earlier 18 madrasas were registered, out of which only 2 got recognition and rest all the madrasas have been shut down. Similarly, all the madrasas operating in Almora, Champawat and Pithoragarh have been completely shut down.

Chairman of Uttarakhand Minorities Education Authority Prof Surjit Singh Gandhi said the new rules regarding the minorities educational institutions have been implemented. Under this new system, minority schools and madrasas imparting education from Class 1 to VIII should get approval from the district education officer whereas schools up to class 9th to 12th will have to obtain affiliation from Uttarakhand Board of School Education. He said those educational institutions who do not follow these set standards and rules will be completely bound down.

Hindustan Express (September 15) alleged that ever since the BJP government came to power in Uttarakhand, Islamic madrasas have been continuously targeted. The madrasas are specially shut down in those districts where Muslim population is more. The government's goal is to deprive Muslims of religious education.

Urdu Times (September 8) states that in view of the forthcoming elections in Uttar Pradesh, the Yogi government in the state have stepped up a campaign against Muslim institutions, as per which action has been taken against Masjids and Madrasas.

Asim Munir gets ready to become military dictator in Pakistan



Qaumi Bharat (September 6) states that Pakistan's army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir has sought the cooperation of the Parliament for taking the full control of the country's administration and military system. After five decades, Pakistan has made fundamental changes in the military structure of the country. For the first time in the history of the country, necessary amendments have been brought in the Constitution to bring the Army, Navy and Air Force under one supreme command. Through a new law passed in the Parliament, it has been decided to hand over the complete control of all the three armed forces to a new post named 'Chief of Defence Forces.'

It is to be noted that Asim Munir is already holding the newly created post 'Chief of Defence Forces' apart from being the army chief. In August 2026, the Pakistan parliament decided to amend the 'Defence Forces of Pakistan Act, 2026' and 'National Command Authority Act, 2010.' Now the Parliament in its special session passed both the important amendments and granted complete legal nod for the same.

Earlier in November 2025, a Constitutional framework was prepared to

reconstitute the military structure of Pakistan through the 27th Constitutional amendment. As per this new amendment, the post of 'Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff Committee' has been abolished and a new post of 'Chief of Defence Forces' was created in its place. In the old system, the function of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee was merely to establish limited coordination among the three branches of the Pakistan military. Now, as per the amendment made in the Constitution, Field Marshal Asim Munir has been granted the legal authority to assume command of all three branches of the armed forces and to serve as the supreme head of all military operations in the capacity of 'Chief of Defence Forces'.

This apart, the authority to take decisions regarding the nuclear weapons system and their use had been with 'Strategic Forces Command' under the 'National Command Authority.' Now this command of the strategic military wing has also come to the hands of Asim Munir.

It has also been provisioned in the 27th amendment of the Constitution that in future that no officer from the Air Force or the Navy could be appointed to the post of

‘Chief of Defence Forces’ because this post will mandatorily remain with the chief of the Pakistan army. Following this major change in the Constitution of Pakistan, the elected government in Pakistan will not have control over the Pakistan army. Now, the power to take a decision to carry out military action or any major decision related to the defence has been handed over to the newly constituted Chief of Defence Forces instead of the Parliament, President or the Prime Minister.



It is worth mentioning that after ‘Operation Sindoor’ last year, capitalizing on the atmosphere created in Pakistan, Asim Munir declared himself a Field Marshal through an aggressive campaign in his favour. Later, the National Assembly (Parliament) had to confirm it. In this manner, Asim Munir became the supreme authority in Pakistan with the help of the US without directly declaring martial law in the country. He is the second Field Marshal in the history of Pakistan. Earlier, Ayub Khan had also declared himself as a Field Marshal. In the military history of Pakistan, so far, the then Army chiefs had taken the reins of the country directly in their own hands by imposing martial law on four occasions. Those having knowledge about Pakistani matters know this fact very well that ever since the formation of Pakistan, the Army held its sway over the civil administration. The Prime Minister is installed and removed at the behest of the army. This started ever since the killing of the first prime minister of Pakistan Liaquat Ali Khan and due to the growing military interferences.

It is Pakistan’s tragedy that in its history not a single prime minister elected by the people had completed their five-year

term. They have been removed from their post on one pretext or the other or the military overthrew them. Till now, martial law had been imposed in Pakistan a total of four times and during this time the country remained in the control of military dictatorship. They included General Ayub Khan, General Yahya Khan, General Zia ul Haq and General Pervez Musharraf. Just like Zia ul Haq, Asim Munir is also viewed as a ‘Maulavi General’ or ‘Hafiz General.’ Munir’s father was a teacher in a school in Rawalpindi and along with that he was the imam of the local masjid there. Asim Munir’s primary education took place in a madrasa in Rawalpindi, where he memorised Quran and became a ‘Hafiz-e-Quran.’

As per media reports, after Asim Munir assuming power as a dictator in Pakistan, the threat to India has increased. Now Asim Munir will remain as ‘Chief of Defence Forces’ till December 2030. After that, he will have the power to extend his tenure for another five years. Recently, Pakistan received huge financial and military aid from China, Turkiye and the US. Due to this, Asim Munir’s position has got strengthened further compared to the past.

Over 20 lakh Afghan citizens forced to return home

Qaumi Bharat (September 7) states that the spokesperson of Afghanistan’s Taliban government Zabiullah Mujahid claimed

that more than 20 lakh Afghan citizens have been forced to return to the country from different countries in the past few

years. As per official data, 16 lakh people among them were forced to return from Pakistan alone, and the rest four lakh were forced to return from Iran and other nations. He said that majority among them have been staying in foreign countries for the past five decades and nearly half among them were born in those countries. It is unfortunate that, despite being a Muslim country, Afghan citizens have been forced to return to Afghanistan due to foreign pressure.

He confirmed that aid worth nearly 22 million US dollars and 48 million Afghan currency were received for the rehabilitation of these Afghan migrants from international and domestic agencies.

Mujahid also said that an expenditure of 10 billion dollars is likely to be incurred for the rehabilitation of these people forcibly sent to Afghanistan from abroad. He admitted that there is huge pressure on the economy of the country due to the return of these Afghan citizens. He complained that the assistance expected from foreign sources for their rehabilitation has not materialized.

The Taliban spokesperson said that the officials in Muslim countries such as Pakistan, Iran, Türkiye, and Saudi Arabia confiscated the entire money that the forcibly repatriated Afghan citizens had earned in those countries.

He urged world nations to extend wholehearted assistance on humanitarian grounds during this critical time. As per another news published in this newspaper, Pakistan government claimed that last year, more than 19 lakh were sent back to their original country as part of a campaign undertaken by the Pakistan army and the police against the Afghan infiltrators staying illegally in the country. Even now, thousands of Afghan citizens are hiding in different parts of the country. Special teams of Pakistan army, police, paramilitary forces and intelligence agencies have been appointed to trace them. Till now, more than 26 lakh Afghan citizens have been



expelled from Pakistan and sent to Afghanistan.

Qaumi Bharat (September 13) states that human rights organisation 'Amnesty International' asked the Pakistan government to immediately probe the disappearance of two Afghan citizens Sayed Qasim Hashemi, a journalist and Hamed Ehsas, an artist and find out their whereabouts.

The organisation alleged that the Pakistani police have refused to register any report regarding his mysterious disappearance from Islamabad.

Hamara Samaj (September 8) states that the Pakistan government had directed that the students of Afghan origin who are receiving education at the medical and dental colleges in the country should immediately leave Pakistan. It is being said that due to this order, more than 200 students had to leave their education mid-way and return to their native country. The Pakistan government has directed all the colleges and universities that they cancel the admission of all the students of Afghan origin studying in their institutions and hand over their names and addresses to the Pakistan's interior ministry so that they could be expelled from the country.

Sahafat (September 5) states that the Turkish government has directed the security department to keep a close watch on all the Afghan migrants staying in the country and hand over information about them to the intelligence department. According to the newspaper, the Turkish government claimed that currently more

than 10 lakh Afghans are illegally staying in the country. It is worth mentioning that Turkiye has expelled more than 2 lakh Afghan citizens so far. Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told correspondents

that no illegal Afghan citizen would be allowed to stay in Turkiye. He alleged that several among them are taking part in anti-national activities and they are linked to a foreign intelligence agency.

Indonesia refuses to grant recognition to Afghanistan



Hamara Samaj (September 8) states that Indonesia has refused to grant due recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan. However, a contact centre of Indonesia is currently active in Kabul. The centre's head told the correspondents that Indonesia stands with other nations in the world on this issue and until the United Nations and other nations don't grant recognition to the Taliban government, it would not be possible for Indonesia to grant them recognition. He said the relations between Afghanistan and

Indonesia were quite old and we have maintained the same. Indonesia is trying to ensure that the other countries in the world adopt a conciliatory stand towards the current government in Afghanistan, but it has so far not succeeded in its effort.

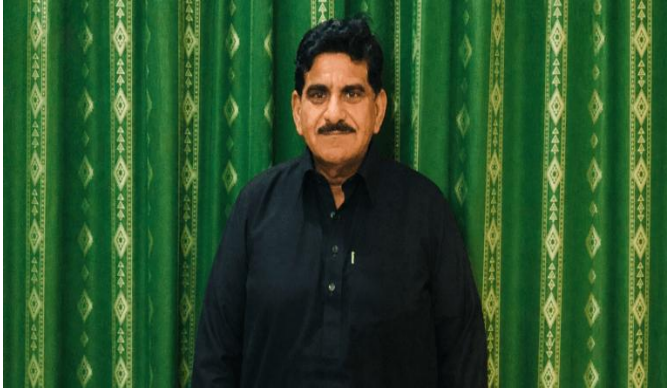
It is worth mentioning that Indonesia is a member of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). There are 57 Muslim nations in it, but till now not a single Muslim nation has granted recognition to the Taliban government. The head of Indonesian Contact Centre said that our request to Taliban government is to implement the directions of the United Nations. The Taliban government also has to adopt a liberal policy regarding the implementation of the Shariah law. It is to be noted that till now Russia is the only country in the world, which has granted official recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan.

Ahmadi leader brutally killed in Pakistan

Qaumi Bharat (September 8) reports that a few unidentified assailants had shot dead a 65-year-old Ahmadi leader Mirza Safdar Mahmood in Mandi Bahauddin district in Punjab province of Pakistan. In protest against this incident, people belonging to Ahmadiyya community took out massive protests in different cities of Pakistan. The protesters demanded the government to

deploy paramilitary forces to provide protection to Ahmadiyyas. According to police, this was a targeted killing, behind which, hardline Sunni organizations are suspected to be involved.

As per the information, Mirza Safdar Mahmood was running a car maintenance workshop at Idgah road. When he came out of his house to go to the workshop, four



prominent leader Sir Zafarullah Khan and had fully supported the leadership of Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Later Zafarullah Khan became the first foreign affairs minister of Pakistan. In 1947, during the Partition of the country, the then Khalifa of Ahmadiyya community Bashiruddin Mohammad Ahmed left for Pakistan with his colleagues and established their new headquarters at Rabwah in

unidentified youths arrived there on a motorcycle and opened fire upon him. He died on the spot.

In this connection, the son of the deceased has filed a report against the unidentified assailants at the police station concerned. It is to be noted that this was not the first incident of targeting Ahmadiyyas in Mandi Bahauddin district. Earlier in June this year, an incident had surfaced in which a mob had set ablaze two Ahmadiyyas in Sadullahpur town in the district. Similarly, in January, an unidentified mob attacked the place of worship of Ahmadiyya community and set fire to it in Sialkot.

It is to be noted that Mirza Gulam Ahmad, a resident of Qadian in undivided Punjab, had started the Ahmadiyya movement in 1889. In the initial days, he declared himself as a prophet of Islam and also as 'Imam Mehdi' (guiding leader). When the controversy erupted further, he declared himself as a prophet under Hazrat Mohammad. Due to this claim by him, he developed huge differences with Muslims, because as per Islamic belief, Hazrat Mohammad is the last prophet and no other prophet will come after him. Due to this ideological differences, the Ahmadiyya community got divided into two groups namely 'Qadianis' and 'Lahoris.' People belonging to Ahmadiyya community believe in Quran and Shariah, but they interpret Quran in their own manner.

The Ahmadiyya community had actively took part in the protest movement for the formation of Pakistan under its

Jhang district. Despite this, he continued to conduct his activities in Qadian, India, as well. However, after Partition, due to the political atmosphere in Pakistan and pressure from the fundamentalists, the community has been pushed to the margins. In this connection, largescale riots broke out against Ahmadiyyas in entire Pakistan in 1953. Thousands of Ahmadiyyas were killed in these riots. Founder of Jamaat-e-Islami Maulana Abul A'la Maududi and other fundamentalist Islamic organisational leaders were found guilty of these riots and they were awarded death sentence. However, later they were released from the jail.

In the year 1974, during the reign of then prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the Constitution was amended and officially declared Ahmadiyyas as 'kafir' and also announced them as non-Muslims. In the year 1984, on the orders of military dictator General Zia ul Haq, a legal ban was imposed on the Ahmadiyyas from carrying out religious propagation, describing their places of worship as mosque and prohibiting them from publically reading Quran. For them, the doors of the masjids are closed and they do not have the permission to bury bodies in Muslim Kabristans. The Pakistan government has also imposed stringent restrictions on people belonging to Ahmadiyya community from undertaking Umrah and Haj yatra. Since then till now, the persecution of Ahmadiyyas in Pakistan has been continuously on.

Long march of 11 Opposition parties in Bangladesh



Qaumi Bharat (September 12) reports that 11 Opposition parties in Bangladesh have announced the formation of a joint front. These opposition parties have started a 'long march' against the newly appointed Tarique Rahman government from Motijheel in Dhaka. This march will reach Dhaka by the end of this month after passing through different parts of Bangladesh. There the Opposition parties will organise a huge rally, where a demand will be made for the resignation of the present government. Nearly 1,000 vehicles will take part in this long march. While addressing an opposition rally before the start of the march, the Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Shafiqur Rahman said that 11 Opposition parties including National Citizen Party and Amar Bangladesh Party are part of this Opposition alliance, apart from Jamaat-e-Islami.

It is to be noted that the National Citizen Party has been constituted by those student leaders whose violent protests had forced the then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to abdicate power and flee the country. The chief of Amar Bangladesh Party Mujibur Rahman Bhuyan told journalists that the current government has

failed to resolve the problems being faced by the people of Bangladesh. He said we had presented a six-point demand before the government, in which the main demand is a referendum so that the people of the country take a decision regarding the current government and about the future of the country. He said that the students who had overthrown the Awami League government are also not happy with the functioning of the present government.

Bhuyan claimed that after coming to power, government has forgotten the promises it had made to the people regarding the Constitutional reforms. In this manner, the current ruling party has betrayed the public. The government has also failed to find a solution to the increasing inflation and unemployment. Industrial and commercial activities have been severely impacted by the acute shortage of electricity and natural gas, affecting millions of workers as many factories have shut down or reduced production.

He further said that the law and order situation in the country is very bad and there has been an increase in the attacks on minorities and their places of worship.

The Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Shafiqur Rahman said that this long march is planned for 250 kilometres and it will end with a huge rally at the historic Laldighi grounds in Chatgaon. On this occasion, the next programme of the Opposition parties of Bangladesh will be announced.

Sharp rise in Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia



Urdu Times (September 16) states that a security alert has been issued in Saudi Arabia following missile and drone attacks by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels.

As a precaution, the Saudi civil defence has issued emergency alerts for major cities like Mecca, Jeddah, and Taif. For the first time in Saudi history, an alert regarding an aerial threat has been issued in the Mecca region, advising citizens to stay in safe places inside their homes and follow government instructions. Recently, Houthi rebels have targeted various cities, oil facilities, and infrastructure in Saudi Arabia.

According to **Munsif** (September 16), Major General Turki al-Malki, spokesperson for the Saudi-led military coalition, stated that in view of increasing threats and regional tensions, the coalition forces are fully prepared to protect Saudi Arabia's sovereignty and civilian infrastructure. On the other hand, the Houthi spokesperson claimed that Saudi Arabia launched an extensive aerial campaign against their positions, under which more than 300 air strikes were carried out in Yemen.

Hamara Samaj (September 16) alleged that under an international conspiracy, Houthi rebels are continuously attacking Saudi Arabia's civilian population and financial institutions. These

attacks began on September 8, after which Houthi rebels targeted several locations in Saudi Arabia. Due to these attacks, oil supplies to foreign countries have been affected. The newspaper stated that Saudi Arabia was also attacked from the Iraqi border side. However, the Iraqi government has clarified that it had no involvement behind all this.

The newspaper expressed concern that the Houthis are also targeting holy places of Islam such as Mecca and Jeddah. Following these attacks, an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council was called on September 10.

The attacks have been strongly condemned by the Gulf Cooperation Council, the European Union, Egypt, Qatar, Kuwait, Pakistan, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

The newspaper also expressed deep concern over the fact that countries following the Quran, Messenger, and Islam are targeting each other. The newspaper has appealed to countries around the world to support Saudi Arabia so that a fitting response could be given to aggressive forces. The world knows very well which country is shielding Saudi Arabia under the guise of the Houthis.

Etemaad (November 15) reports that Houthi rebels have strengthened their control over local structures and water



bodies in Yemen. They have taken control of two important lagoons, 'Greater Hanish' and 'Lessor Hanish', located south of the Red Sea, which is near the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait. This route has affected the global oil supply. Iran has already got control over the Strait of Hormuz. Now, with the Houthis seizing control over this part of the Red Sea, the global oil supply provided by Saudi Arabia is in danger.

It is worth noting that the Strait of Hormuz is located in the Persian Gulf, while Bab-el-Mandeb is a narrow sea route located south of Saudi Arabia near the coast of Yemen, which connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden and the open ocean. Because of this, this route is used for the global supply of crude oil.

In recent days, the Houthis attacked Saudi Arabia's oil pipeline, causing a fire about which Saudi Arabia's oil supply was completely disrupted. Recently, the Houthis again targeted King Khalid International Airport and Abha International Airport inside Saudi Arabia with ballistic missiles and drones. Apart from this, they have also made Najran Airport their target, causing many fighter jets, radar centres, and ammunition depots in Saudi Arabia to be destroyed.

The Houthi rebels have claimed that Saudi forces have attacked their hideouts in Yemen. They have warned that if Saudi forces continue to attack their hideouts in Yemen, they would retaliate with full strength. On the other hand, the Saudi government has claimed that the Saudi military has recaptured areas from the Houthis—territories that had previously been held by the UN-recognized

government of Yemen. Several Gulf countries and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have condemned the Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia. The OIC and the Muslim World League have also appealed to Iran to refrain from stoking the fire of this war.

Quami Tanzeem (September 15) reports that Saudi Arabia's foreign minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan has stated that his country would not compromise with any nation on the issue of security and sovereignty. He made that clear by saying, "We will not allow the security of Saudi Arabia to be compromised in any way."

Qaumi Tanzeem (September 14) reports that Yemen's Prime Minister Shaya Mohsin Al-Zindani said that Iran is behind the increasing activities of the Houthis, and is blackmailing Saudi Arabia and the Yemeni government. He has appealed to various countries of the world to put pressure on Iran so that the increasing attacks of the Houthis could be stopped. He also said that more than 500 Yemeni citizens have been killed so far in these attacks.

Siasat (September 11) reports that Saudi Arabia has requested Pakistan to exert pressure on Iran to instruct the Houthis to stop the war. According to a report by the British news agency, Reuters, Saudi Arabia has also requested that if the Houthi rebels do not stop their attacks on Saudi Arabia, Pakistan should actively support the military action to be taken against the Houthis. The Saudi government has said that Pakistan has an opportunity to intervene in this matter under the defence agreement signed with Saudi Arabia and Türkiye. On the other hand, Pakistan and Türkiye have made it clear that they would not enter Yemen and take any action against the Houthis. If the need arises, their assistance would be limited only to the Saudi Arabia region.

Urdu Times (September 12) reports that the Houthis have also captured the Perim (Mayun) Island. According to the French news agency, AFP, Houthi rebels

reached Perim Island travelling in boats. They attacked and took control of Saudi Arabian military bases located in this area. This island connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean. Through this route, Saudi Arabia supplies its oil to the entire world. More than 500 people have been killed in the conflict to capture this island, with the number of Houthis being higher. Meanwhile, a fierce war is ongoing between the Yemeni army and the Houthis for control over the western coast of Yemen. In addition, the Saudi Air Force is conducting airstrikes on Houthi bases.

Aurangabad Times (September 13) reports that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman requested US President Donald Trump to take military action against the Houthis and direct his warships to join this war. Due to Houthi control over two islands in the Red Sea, Iran's position in this region has strengthened.

Avadhnama (September 11) reports that Houthi rebels have captured Yemen's

largest port, Mokha. During this conflict, at least 200 people have been killed and 900 people have been injured. Saudi Arabia has requested China to exert pressure on Iran to try and stop this war.

According to the latest information, the Houthis are also in the city of Taiz in Yemen, which is 60 km away from Mokha. After capturing this area, Houthi control has been established over the entire Bab-el-Mandeb region.

Avadhnama (September 14), Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has clarified that Iran is neither fighting against Saudi Arabia nor has any intention of attacking Saudi Arabia. He stated that the Houthis are fighting on their own strength, and Iran has nothing to do with it.

Etemaad (September 12) states that the US has rejected the proposal to help Saudi Arabia in the war against the Houthis. A White House spokesperson stated that currently, the US is studying the situation and has no intention of taking any military action against the Houthis. Its entire focus is currently only on Iran.

Iraqi military commander who attacked Saudi Arabia dismissed



Aurangabad Times (September 13) reports that Iraq Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi has dismissed the military commander responsible for carrying out a drone attack on Saudi Arabia. Following the Iraqi attacks on Riyadh and Medina

regions, Saudi Arabia has shut down the East-West oil pipeline.

According to a spokesperson for Saudi Arabia's foreign ministry, several people were killed and others injured in this attack launched from Iraq.

At the request of Iraqi Prime Minister, the Saudi government has decided not to take retaliatory military action for the time being. The Iraqi government conducted an investigation into the incident, after which the military commander of Iraq's southern Maysan province was removed from his post. The Iraqi Prime Minister's Office announced in an official statement that strict action would be taken against the perpetrators.

Etemaad (September 14) reports that the Iraqi Prime Minister stated that Iraqi soil would not be used to launch attacks on any neighbouring country. He emphasised that Iraq's primary objective is to maintain its own security and integrity. The Prime Minister further stated that Iraq would not entangle itself in disputes involving other nations, nor would it allow its own country to become a battlefield for war.

He said that we are not in favour of any military action against any neighbouring country. Recently, a high-level committee has been formed to investigate the attack that took place on Saudi Arabia.

It is significant to note that drone attacks were carried out on Saudi Arabia from Iraq in the past few days. A



spokesperson for the Iraqi army stated that all individuals involved in this attack have been dismissed from their posts and will be prosecuted in a military court.

Inquilab (September 13) reports that the Saudi army confirmed that drones launched from Iraq targeted a dozen locations in the Riyadh and Medina regions.

Discovery of 11 crore tonnes of uranium ore in Saudi Arabia

Urdu Times (September 15) reports that uranium reserves of 11 crore tonnes have been found in Saudi Arabia, which contains a significantly high amount of uranium. It is significant to note that uranium is used to generate nuclear energy and to make nuclear bombs. Addressing a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Saudi Arabia's energy minister, Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud, stated that a recent survey near Madinah under the Jabal Sayid Project revealed mineral reserves of 110 million tonnes, which include a large quantity of uranium and rare earth elements.

The Saudi minister said that accurate information regarding the exact quantity of pure uranium in this mineral (ore) and whether it can be used to enrich nuclear energy has not been received yet. However, he stated that under the Saudi government's Vision 2030, efforts are being made to

reduce economic dependence on oil and instead find alternative sources. This discovery is an important step in that direction.

The Saudi minister further mentioned that they are engaged in a campaign to explore uranium at other locations in Saudi Arabia as well, because uranium can accelerate the industrial development of the country. Extracting uranium from phosphate fertilizers in northern regions of Saudi Arabia is also being considered. A campaign to explore uranium is underway with the assistance of a French company, Orano. There is a possibility of obtaining uranium on a commercial scale from the reserves found so far. The government is conducting nationwide survey campaigns with the cooperation of various foreign companies to discover other mineral deposits in addition to oil.

Algeria breaks diplomatic relations with UAE

Urdu Times (September 11) reports that Algeria has announced the severing of diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates (UAE). A spokesperson for the Algerian government stated that this decision was taken due to aggressive actions taken by the UAE. The spokesperson claimed that Algeria had made every effort to build cordial relations with the UAE. The Algerian government has directed the UAE ambassador to leave the country within 48 hours. The president of Algeria alleged that the UAE is interfering in Algeria's internal affairs. He stated that while relations with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, and Qatar are very good, the UAE is promoting elements in their country who want to overthrow the current government.

It is significant to note that the tension between the two countries started in the month of February. At that time, Algeria cancelled an agreement related to aircraft services in Abu Dhabi made with the UAE in 2013. The president of Algeria often calls the UAE a 'micro-state' in his speeches, accusing it of encouraging rebel elements in Algeria.

In a television interview in July, he stated that "they are conspiring to create rivers of blood in Algeria. We do not want blood to flow in our country". He urged Arab nations to remain cautious against UAE's dangerous intentions.

Urdu Times (September 11) expressed concern in its editorial over the growing tension between Algeria and the UAE. The newspaper stated that the primary reason for these differences is the Israel-Palestine issue. On one side is Algeria, which considers the Palestinian issue indispensable for Arab politics. On the other side are Arab nations that are strengthening their relations with Israel under pressure from the US, and many of these countries have given formal



recognition to Israel. Recently, a sensational report was published in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz regarding this matter.

According to the report, nearly 10 days before the attack on October 7, 2023, UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan had warned Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu via a phone call that Hamas was preparing for a major attack on Israel. The UAE President also expressed concern that this attack could lead to political instability in West Asia and harm the Abraham Accords.

The Israeli Prime Minister did not take this warning seriously. Giving a relatively calm response, he stated that Israel has the situation in Gaza under complete control and said that there is no possibility of any such attack by Hamas from the direction of Gaza. Their belief was that the main threat is in the West Bank. The most shocking thing is that despite UAE providing prior information to Israel about the attack, the Israeli Prime Minister did not even alert his military or the security agencies.

The newspaper wrote that Arab nations are not serious about the Palestine issue and they are not ready to accept this problem as an issue of Islam or Muslims. Perhaps, this is due to the US pressure. It is significant to note that the UAE has established diplomatic relations with Israel under the Abraham Accords. After this,

cooperation in economic and other sectors between the two countries has grown.

The newspaper stated that the real problem arises when any other nation,

ignoring Islam and the rules, establishes diplomatic relations with Israel and ignores the Palestinians' right to self-determination and their independence.

Lebanon refuses peace talks with Israel

Etemaad (September 13) reports that Lebanon's president Michel Aoun has clarified that until Israel withdraws its army from Lebanese borders and releases the prisoners of war, no talks of any kind will be held with it. Recently, the Lebanese president toured the border areas along with his military officers and chiefs of Lebanese security agencies.

Meanwhile, a US spokesperson told *Arab News* that the talks between Israel and Lebanon, which were scheduled to take place next week in Rome, the capital of Italy, have been postponed for the time being. They stated that the US is continuously making efforts so that Israel and Lebanese officials can meet with US State Department officials to prepare a solid framework for the next phase of talks.

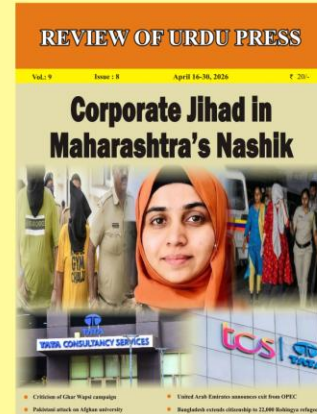
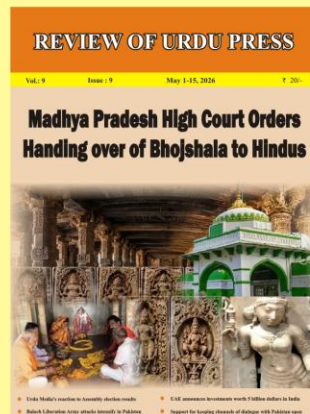
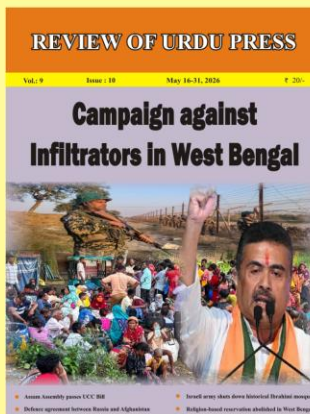
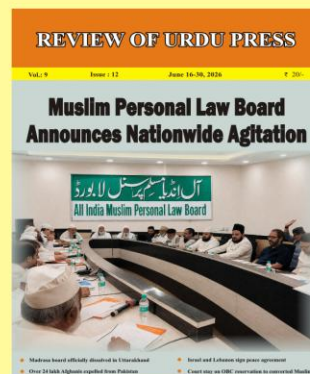
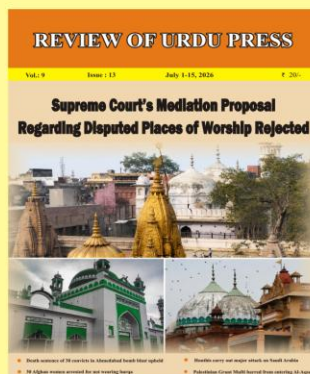
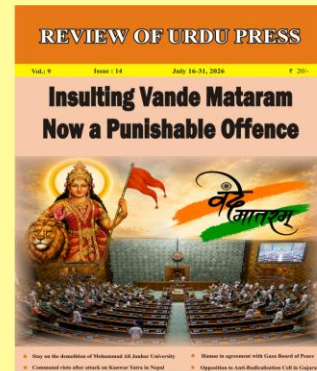
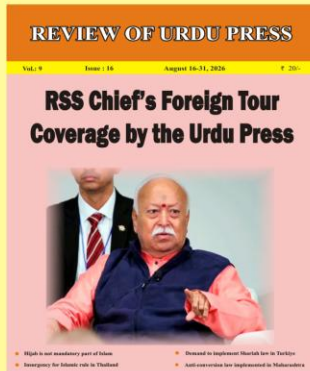
It is significant to note that under the mediation efforts of the US between Lebanon and Israel, discussions had begun in Washington DC. Following this, an historic agreement was signed on June 26, 2026, in which it was agreed that the Israeli army would vacate those areas of southern Lebanon in a phased manner which it had occupied during its military campaign. However, the official spokesperson of the Lebanese government has alleged that Israel has not fully respected the terms of this agreement so far and continues to target southern Lebanon with its attacks.

According to the state news agency of Lebanon, more than 4,300 Lebanese citizens have been killed and more than 12,000 people have been injured in this

military conflict since March 2, 2026. Despite this, Israel does not appear ready to withdraw its army from the security zone of southern Lebanon.

Aurangabad Times (September 15) reports that the defence minister of Israel has announced that if Lebanon or any other foreign army moves towards the hills of southern Lebanon, Israel would completely destroy them. He stated that the Israeli army is targeting Hezbollah hideouts in these areas and destroying their missile manufacturing centres. This is the area that Israel calls the Yellow Line and spans approximately 700 sq km. The defence minister made it clear that the Israeli army would not vacate this area until Hezbollah hands over its weapons to an international organisation in Lebanon. He alleged that Hezbollah is continuously launching attacks on Israeli areas and the Lebanese government is completely failing to stop it.

Siasat (September 5) states that Israeli army attacks in southern Lebanon are continuing and it has begun occupying several new areas. Israel is continuously violating the ceasefire agreement with Lebanon. According to data from the Lebanese ministry of defence, Israel has recently captured five new strategic locations in southern Lebanon and established permanent military camps there. However, Israel had previously assured the US that it would vacate all those areas of Lebanon which it had occupied during its recent military campaign.



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