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## Summary

In 2013, a few Pakistan-backed terrorists caused mayhem through several bomb blasts at the 'Hunkar Rally' organised for then BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate Narendra Modi in Patna. At least six innocent persons were killed and nearly 80 people were injured in the blasts that took place in Patna. The blasts were carried out at the behest of Pakistan's intelligence agency, ISI. A court in Patna has now convicted nine persons linked to these serial blasts. Four of these have been awarded death sentence.

Urdu newspapers, in an effort to incite their readers, are making mountain out of a molehill. All Urdu newspapers are trying to provoke Muslim voters by highlighting the alleged incidents in Tripura. However, the same newspapers had mostly ignored the anti-Hindu riots that took place in Bangladesh. More than a dozen people were killed and over 200 temples and Hindu colonies were destroyed by the Jihadi extremists in the riots that took place in Bangladesh.

The fight between the two sects of Muslims, namely Shias and Sunnis, has taken a serious turn. Recently, terrorist organisation ISIS has declared that they would wipe out Shias from this world. In Afghanistan, it is not possible to ignore the way the terrorists of this Sunni organisation are playing with the blood of Shias. Its consequences could be visible in many countries where the population comprises mostly Shias and Sunnis.

These days Muslim leader Arshad Madani has become a target of fundamentalists because apart from meeting RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, he also gave an interview to the editor of TV channel Sudarshan News, Suresh Chavhanke. The fundamentalist Muslims have not liked his actions and they have started openly targeting him.

It is really unfortunate that some people take all the advantages of being an Indian, but openly celebrate and even lit crackers when India loses a cricket match to Pakistan. In the recently held T-20 World Cup match in Dubai, these pro-Pakistan elements celebrated India's defeat with great vigour. The sad thing is that such celebrations were held in different parts of the country and the educated students were at the forefront of such celebrations. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath declared that such anti-national activities would not be tolerated under any circumstances. Cases have also been registered against such elements in many states like Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

The political instability that is prevailing in Islamic nation Sudan for the past several decades has taken a new turn. The military there overthrew the government through a coup and after detaining the prime minister and other ministers, took over the reins of power.



## Men behind bomb blasts at Modi's rally get death sentence



**Mumbai Urdu News** (November 2) writes that a special NIA court has awarded death sentence to four persons, life-term to two others, 10-year jail term to another two persons, and a 7-year jail term to one more accused for exploding bombs at the historic Gandhi Maidan and Patna Junction in 2013 during the 'Hunkar Rally' organised for BJP's Prime Minister candidate Narendra Modi in the Bihar capital. The accused were brought from the jail in Patna to the court of special judge Gurwinder Singh Malhotra amid tight security. As soon as the court convened, the judge heard the arguments from the lawyers of both the sides on the quantum of punishment. Special public prosecutor Lallan Prasad Sinha, appearing for National Investigation Agency, sought stringent punishment for the accused, whereas the lawyer of the accused, Syed Imran Ghani, referring to the social and economic condition of the accused, sought leniency

and minimum punishment. In the evening, when the court convened again, the accused were sentenced to jail. Earlier, the court acquitted one accused, Fakhruddin, of all charges. One of the accused, who has been given a seven-year jail term, will soon be released from the jail as he has already spent more than seven years in jail as an under-trial. The two accused who have been awarded 10 years in jail will have to spend two more years in jail. The court had convicted all the accused on October 27.

**Avadhnama** (November 2) states that the court had awarded death sentence to Haider Ali, Mujibullah Ansari, Numan Ansari and Imtiaz Ansari, whereas Umer Siddiqui and Azharuddin Qureshi have been awarded life-term in jail. Ahmad Hussain and Mohammad Firoz Alam have been awarded 10 years in jail and Iftikhar Ahmad has been awarded seven years in jail. The convenor of the legal aid committee of Jamiat Ulema, Gulzar

Azmi, told journalists that the decision of the court would be questioned in the high court and that Jamiat Ulema would arrange top lawyers of the country to save the accused. He alleged that the court has ignored the contentions of the lawyers of the accused and instead relied on weak evidence and witnesses for conviction. He alleged that the court has ignored the tricks of the investigating agency. It ignored important factors like the discrepancies in the statement of the witnesses apart from eliciting forced confession from the accused and intimidating the witnesses to give statements against the accused and the report of the forensic laboratory.

On October 27, 2013, a series of bombs exploded at the historic Gandhi Maidan when Prime Ministerial candidate Narendra Modi was about to address a public meeting. Six persons were killed in the blasts and 80 were injured. The investigation into these blasts was handed over to National Investigation Agency, which arrested 10 suspects from different states like Bihar and Jharkhand and filed cases against them.

**Hindustan** (November 2) states that the head of the Ranchi module of the terrorist organisation Indian Mujahideen, Haider Ali alias 'Black Beauty,' in order to target Narendra Modi, planned serial blasts at his various election meetings. However, due to the alertness of the security agencies, the terrorists failed to execute their plan. Before exploding bombs at Modi's Hunkar Rally at the Gandhi Maidan in Patna, the accused had conducted a recce of different places. The bombs were brought in a bus from Ranchi to Mithapur bus stand in Patna. Later the four accused planted these bombs in different places in Gandhi Maidan. One suicide bomber accidentally exploded himself in a toilet on Platform No. 10 at Patna Junction and he had been

identified as Tariq. Another terrorist, Imtiaz, was nabbed while fleeing the spot. During the search, a letter was found in his pocket, based on which raids were conducted in Ranchi and the police and investigating agencies got a number of mobile phone numbers from his room which helped establish the crime and the investigators got a clue about other terrorists through them. Later the police raided Sithiyo Basti in Ranchi and arrested several accused from there.

According to the investigating agencies, terrorists Haider Ali and Mujibullah were good at studies and both were preparing for UPSC examination. These persons had received training in making bombs and they had their links with intelligence agencies abroad.

**Avadhnama** (November 29) has published an article written by advocate Abubakr Sabbaq in which it has been alleged that the entire investigation of National Investigation Agency is doubtful and hence innocent people have been trapped in false cases and despite spending several years in jail, the charge sheets have not been filed in courts. The article states that the National Investigation Agency was established through a special law passed by Parliament following the terrorist attack in Mumbai in 2008. But in majority of the cases, the investigation agency fails to perform its task. As per the law, there is also a provision to establish special courts in order to hear terror-related cases so that hearing is held on a fast-track basis. In 2013, a man named Manzoor Alam was arrested on charges of sedition. However, the charge sheet was filed against him only in 2014. In the charge sheet, a total of 369 witnesses were mentioned and 283 documents were also presented. However, even after six years, the hearing in the case has not started. Hence the Supreme Court released the accused on bail.

## Application process begins for Haj



**Sahafat** (November 2) states that Union minister for minority affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, while announcing the schedule of the Haj for the year 2022, said that apart from applying through mobile app, those interested in going for Haj can submit their application in the offices of Waqf Board throughout the country. The flights for Haj will be available from 10 places in the country. He said that after Indonesia, India is the next country from where approximately 2 lakh Muslims would go for Haj in Saudi Arabia. Due to Corona pandemic, Saudi Arabia has imposed a ban on Haj pilgrims from other countries for the past two years. Naqvi said that all things related to Haj pilgrimage are done online. The last date to submit application has been fixed as January 31, 2022. He said that our policy is to promote the concept of 'Vocal for Local.' Hence the Hajis will carry swadeshi items while going for Haj. Earlier, Hajis used to purchase sheets, pillows, towels, umbrellas etc from Saudi Arabia using foreign currency. Now they will be able to purchase essential items using Indian currency. Due to this, their expenses will come down by 50% and it also helps promote Swadeshi as well as Vocal for Local. He said that the government would make available all necessary items at the respective places from where the Hajis take flights. He said

that the majority of the items that the Indian Hajis buy in Saudi Arabia are made in India. But they have to spend three to four times of their Indian prices to purchase them. The new policy of the government will help Hajis save billions of rupees. Those interested in going for Haj have to take both doses of Corona vaccine and have to follow the Haj protocol. He said that special importance has been given to the health and security of Haj pilgrims and in this connection lot of discussions were held with health ministry, external affairs ministry, civil aviation ministry, Haj committee and Saudi Arabian embassy before scheduling the programme for Haj pilgrimage. Later, the Haj mobile app has been upgraded. Its tagline is 'Haj App in Your Hand.' The mobile app contains all the facilities. The places from where Haj pilgrims can depart include Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kochi, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Srinagar.

**Siasat** (October 26) states that the two-week waiting period after booking for Umrah has been cancelled. According to Haj and Umrah ministry of Saudi Arabia, necessary amendments have been made in the programme in this connection. Special arrangements have been made for namaz at Masjid Al Haram, due to which the number

of scheduled dates for doing Umrah has been increased.

For the first time in Kaaba, Juma namaz was held by maintaining social distancing. Elaborate arrangements have been made for namaz in the huge area of Kaaba in view of the large number of namazis. A decision has been taken to open Kaaba and Masjid-e-Nabwi for namazis and pilgrims. The restrictions imposed on entering hotels have also been lifted.

**Etemaad** (October 25) states that the restrictions imposed on Hajis and those doing Umrah by the Saudi government due to Corona pandemic have been removed.

For the first time, open namaz was held in Kaaba Sharif on October 17. However, mask has been made mandatory for namazis. Imam of Kaaba, Sheikh Abdul Rahman al-Sudais has directed the government to arrange all facilities to namazis that arrive at Kaaba and Masjid-e-Nabwi. He thanked Allah for limiting the Corona outbreak in Saudi Arabia. He has given the credit for this to the government, which has strictly imposed the Corona protocol. The newspaper expressed satisfaction that more than 2 lakh Indian Hajis will do Haj pilgrimage next year. ■

## Action against those who celebrated victory of Pakistan



The Uttar Pradesh government has ordered stringent action against those who celebrated the victory of Pakistan in the recently held India-Pakistan cricket match.

**Roznama Sahara** (October 29) states that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced that cases for treason would be filed against those who celebrated the victory of Pakistan against India in the T-20 World Cup match. In a tweet, the Uttar Pradesh police said that during the India-Pakistan World Cup match held

on October 24, some anti-social elements not only made indecent remarks against the Indian team but also celebrated the victory of Pakistan and thereby tried to create disturbances in the country. Such people will not be spared. Till now, seven persons have been arrested after filing five cases in places like Agra, Bareilly, Badaun and Sitapur. Investigation is on in this connection and legal action is being taken against the accused. According to Senior Superintendent of Police, Badaun, Dr O P Singh, a resident of

Faizganj, Niyaz, posted a Pakistani flag on his Facebook page and also wrote some slogans in favour of Pakistan. He has been arrested on charges of treason and under IT Act. In this connection, Puneet Shakya, an activist of Hindu Jagaran Manch, has filed a complaint against Niyaz in police station.

**Roznama Sahara** (October 27) states that the Jammu and Kashmir Police has filed a case against a number of students of two government medical colleges under UAPA on the charges of celebrating the victory of Pakistani team. Following the victory of Pakistan over India in the match held in Dubai on October 24, celebrations were held in various places in Kashmir Valley. In this connection, a video has gone viral, which shows many students of both medical colleges celebrating the occasion. It also showed the students raising slogans in favour of Pakistan. According to police, the MBBS students at the hostel of Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences not only raised slogans in favour of Pakistan but also burst crackers. As per another news report, at least seven persons celebrating the victory of Pakistan in Samba district were arrested. In this connection, there is a possibility of more arrests taking place.

**Avadhnama** (October 27) states that Rashtriya Bajrang Dal and Dogra Front held a protest march in Jammu against those celebrating the victory of Pakistan and also against Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah. Jammu & Kashmir BJP president Ravindra Raina said that the government will not spare anyone who celebrates the victory of Pakistan. The police, CID and NIA are investigating the incidents. Stringent action will be taken against those who do nefarious activities against the country, he said.

**Hamara Samaj** (October 30) states that the PDP, while holding a protest in Srinagar against the arrest of Kashmiri students in Agra, demanded that they shall be released at the earliest. In this connection, Mehbooba Mufti, in a letter to the Prime Minister, requested him to interfere in the issue so that the situation does not go out of hand.

**Quami Tanzeem** (October 27) reports that the chief of Jammu Kashmir People's Conference, Sajjad Ghani Lone, condemned the registration of cases against the students who celebrated the victory of Pakistan and said that if we stay in Kashmir, we need to stay together with those who have ideological differences with us. Being anti-India and Pakistan supporter is not such a major problem that cannot be solved. However, the way legal action has been taken against the students, it will only help escalate the matter.

**Siasat** (October 30) states that former chief minister Omar Abdullah condemned the behaviour of lawyers and police towards the three Kashmiri students arrested for raising slogans in favour of Pakistan in Agra and alleged that the matter has been escalated to reap political benefits in the forthcoming elections. He claimed that the manager of the college had issued a statement saying that the students did not raise any slogans.

**Inquilab** (November 2) reports that the women's wing of National Conference, while condemning the arrest of students who celebrated the victory of Pakistan, held a massive protest and said that the BJP wants Kashmiri students not to get educated and instead become stone throwers. This is the reason why four more cases were registered against students in

Kashmir. They warned the government that if it doesn't change its attitude, our students will adopt a different path. The Indian government needs to start the process of holding talks with Pakistan and Kashmiris. Secondly, a former MLA of BJP, Vikram Singh Randhawa, has demanded that the degrees of these Kashmiri students should be confiscated. The government has once again detained former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti.

**Inquilab** (October 29) reports that Uttar Pradesh Police has produced three Kashmiri engineering students in court. They have been accused of celebrating the victory of Pakistan. Chief Judicial Magistrate Sudha Yadav sent the three students to 14 days' judicial custody. The three students are students of engineering in Bichpuri locality in Agra. They are identified as Arshad Yousuf, Inayat Altaf and Shaukat Ahmad. When the college authorities came to know about their activities, they were suspended. When Hindu organisations came to know about the incident, they arrived on the

spot and created a ruckus. On the basis of their complaint, the police filed a case against the students and arrested them.

**Inquilab** (October 30) states that the family members of Shaukat Ahmad, arrested in Agra, while addressing media persons, said they had sent him to study after selling their property. If he had committed any mistake, then we apologise on his behalf. They said that they were trapped in fake cases due to political reasons.

TV channel **News 18 India** (October 30) states that a case of treason has been registered against a youth who celebrated the victory of Pakistan team in Aligarh. The youth, identified as Farooq, has been arrested and he is a resident of Akbarabad. The police are investigating the case in this connection.

As per another report, a teacher in Udaipur in Rajasthan, Nafisa Atari, who celebrated the victory of Pakistan, has been suspended by the school management. Later, the police arrested her.

## Furore over statement of Akhilesh on Jinnah

**Roznama Sahara** (November 2) states that a controversy has erupted over the statement of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, in which he had described Mohammad Ali Jinnah as the leader of freedom movement. Addressing a 'Samajwadi Vijay Rath' rally in Hardoi, Akhilesh Yadav said that the thoughts of Jinnah, Gandhi and Patel were the same and Jinnah had fought for the freedom of the country. He said that Sardar Patel knew the land very well and used to take solid decisions. That is why he was known as 'Iron Man.' Sardar Patel, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Mohammad Ali Jinnah received their barrister degree from one institution and took part in the freedom

movement. Targeting the BJP, he said that today the country is being divided in the name of caste and religion. It was the iron man Sardar Patel who imposed the ban on RSS which believes in the division of the country.

The newspaper stated that Akhilesh Yadav has landed in a controversy by praising Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath described the statement of Akhilesh as shameful and an indication of Talibani mindset. Addressing a public meeting in Moradabad, he said that it is shameful to compare Sardar Patel with Jinnah. The people of this country will not tolerate this. Hence Akhilesh should apologise to the



people. This statement of Akhilesh Yadav is extremely shameful. Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati also strongly reacted to the statement of Akhilesh Yadav and said that it is an indication of secret alliance between Samajwadi Party and BJP. Akhilesh Yadav issued the statement at the behest of BJP in order to create a fight between Hindus and Muslims and for polarisation of votes ahead of the elections. She said that whenever Samajwadi Party comes to power, BJP emerges stronger. This is because the two have an understanding between them.

Chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Asaduddin Owaisi, too targeted Akhilesh Yadav for his statement on Jinnah and said that if he thinks that if any particular section of the society is pleased over his statement, then he has got it wrong. Indian Muslims have nothing to do with Jinnah. Our ancestors had rejected the two-nation theory and accepted

Hindustan as our nation. He said that he didn't expect Akhilesh Yadav to be so ignorant. He said that Akhilesh should study history and cultivate the habit of learning.

**Inqilab** (November 2) states that Akhilesh Yadav, who used to regularly target BJP, has himself landed in a soup. In a rally, he declared Pakistan founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah a freedom fighter. Shortly thereafter, he has come under attack from all the sides. BJP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi said that Mulayam Singh Yadav might have banged his head after hearing Akhilesh Yadav's statement. BJP MP Harnath Singh Yadav said that Akhilesh Yadav should apologise to the people for his statement. Congress, while targeting Akhilesh, said that he is into match-fixing due to the secret alliance between Samajwadi Party and BJP. For those who divide the country, there is little to condemn in this statement. ■

## Muslim bodies become hyper over Tripura incidents

After the stray incidents in Tripura as a reaction to the attacks against Hindus and temples in Bangladesh, various Muslim organisations have launched their activities in Tripura. One website called 'Warriors of Popular Front' has claimed

that nationwide protest marches would be held to awaken the public against the attacks being carried out against Muslims by anti-social elements in Tripura.

**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (October 30) has claimed that the Popular Front has



increased its activities in Assam and Tripura and is spreading its network and branches. Recently, the Popular Front held protests against the government in Tripura's capital Agartala and a dozen other places. The activities of Popular Front were originally limited to Kerala but two years ago its main office was shifted from Kozhikode to Delhi. Huge protests were held in different states in north India on behalf of Popular Front against Citizenship Amendment Act, due to which its influence had spread in these regions.

**Hamara Samaj** (October 29) states that the president of All India Muslim Bedari Karwan, Nazar Alam, has issued a press statement in Patna and asked the government of India to protect the life and property of Muslims in Tripura. He alleged that attacks took place on mosques and also on the Muslim population and claimed that the Vishwa Hindu Parishad was behind these riots.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 30) states that protests were held outside Tripura Bhawan on behalf of Welfare Party of India, United Against Hate and various students organisations against the attacks on mosques in Tripura and apart from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, slogans were also raised against Bajrang Dal and

Vishwa Hindu Parishad. The protesters claimed that the police have taken into custody 200 people in this connection and they were released later.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 31) has carried another report which states that the Tripura high court has taken suomotu cognizance of the incidents that took place there and asked the government to submit a reply on the measures taken to stop the violence in the state. The high court has directed the government to file an affidavit in this connection in the court.

**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (October 29) reports that various Muslim organisations of West Bengal held a press conference under the aegis of Association of Protection for Civil Rights and demanded that the Central government and Tripura government take action against elements that target Muslims and mosques.

**Avadhnama** (October 28) in its editorial states that the government had claimed that the situation in Tripura is peaceful and 150 mosques have been given police protection and many anti-social elements have been arrested. According to the newspaper, Jamiat Ulema has claimed that some mosques have been attacked in Tripura and saffron flags were erected atop them.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 25) states that the chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Mehmood Madani had sent a letter to the Chief Minister of Tripura seeking protection to Muslims and masjids in the state.

**Siasat** (October 31) states that some anti-social elements have been making fake videos viral to create communal riots in West Bengal. The state government has decided to take stringent action against such elements. ■

## Row over namaz in open in Gurugram



**Inqilab** (October 30) states that the controversy over Muslims offering namaz in open spaces in Gurugram has been getting complicated day by day. Local residents demand that the Muslims should offer namaz within the masjid premises only. The police have taken 30 persons into custody on the allegation of creating hurdles in offering namaz. For the past three years, a huge controversy has been going on between Muslims and local residents over namaz being held in public places and parks. In the past week also, a huge ruckus took place on the day of Fridaynamaz. The residents of the locality had submitted a memorandum to the administration and demanded that permission should not be given to offer namaz in parks as it would disrupt the traffic.

It is claimed by Muslims that three years ago, the administration had designated 37 sites in Gurugram district to offer namaz. There are several factories in Gurugram where a number of Muslims are employed. The city has expanded a lot. Hence there are no facilities like masjids in new sectors. The complaint of Muslims is that wherever they offer namaz in the open, activists of Hindu organisations create obstacles during namaz. The local residents had been demanding right from the beginning that Muslims should offer namaz inside their mosques only. In the beginning, BJP government was not in favour of permitting Muslims from offering namaz in the open but due to pressure from the Muslim community, the Khattar government had permitted them to offer namaz in 37 sites. ■

## Anti-Hindu riots in Bangladesh



Despite the claims of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the spiralling anti-Hindu violence that started in Bangladesh during Durga Puja has not stopped. What is strange is that the Urdu newspapers that were crying hoarse over Tripura have by and large ignored the incidents in Bangladesh. Not a single Muslim leader in India has openly condemned the incidents in Bangladesh nor a single newspaper wrote any editorial on them.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 17) states that the anti-Hindu riots started in Bangladesh after Quran was placed in a Durga puja pandal. On the pretext of this incident, rumours were spread claiming that Quran has been purposefully desecrated. The government sources claimed that two persons were killed on the first day of the incident. However, according to French news agency AFP, at least six people were killed in the violence. Soon, the riots spread to 12 districts in Bangladesh. Mobs of agitated Muslims attacked Durga puja pandals and set fire to them. A huge crowd entered the ISKCON temple in Naokhali and brutally killed its manager, Partha Das. In Begumganj colony in Naokhali, dozens of temples were

destroyed after setting fire to them. Home Minister of Bangladesh Asaduzzaman Khan said the government would take stringent action against rioters. Nearly 90 persons were taken into custody in the preliminary stage itself. He admitted that huge crowds torched Hindu localities, temples and Durga pandals in Chadgaon and Dhaka regions as well. Teargas and rubber bullets were used to disperse large mobs. In order to protect citizens, paramilitary forces were called and curfew was imposed throughout the country. The protesters shouted slogans against India and also against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The protesters alleged that Muslims are not safe in India. As per government estimate, nearly 80 temples became the target of huge mobs and more than 200 Hindus were injured.

The same newspaper in its October 18 edition claimed that anti-Hindu riots spread to more than 30 districts in Bangladesh. Huge mobs targeted temples and Hindu colonies in Chandpur, Shankargram, Naokhali, Sarhat, Maulavi Bazar, Kurigram, Munshiganj, Kishorganj and Feni. More than 150 Hindu idols were destroyed. More than 40 policemen were



injured in trying to control these mobs. Superintendent of police, Feni, Khandaker Nurunnabi admitted that huge mobs targeted Hindu temples and Puja pandals. The police arrested more than 50 people for posting provocative things on social media. In Chandpur, six persons were killed in police firing. However, chairperson of Bangladesh Puja Parishad Milan Kanti Dutta alleged that police were deliberating not taking any action against rioters.

General Secretary of ruling party Awami League Ubaidul Khadir admitted that the attacks were pre-planned. When people took out a rally carrying the body of pujari Partha Das, a huge mob attacked the rally and killed many people. The secretary of Bangladesh Hindu, Buddha and Christian Ekta Parishad said that if the government fails to control the riots, then we would sit on an indefinite dharna. He alleged that the jihadis, as part of a well-planned strategy, are creating an atmosphere where the minorities are forced to flee Bangladesh out of fear. General Secretary of Hindu Parishad, Rana Das Gupta claimed that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is trying to create a cordial atmosphere in the country but many of her colleagues are trying to sabotage her

efforts. He claimed that one year ago, the Hindu population constituted 10% of the total population but it has come down to 7% now.

**Roznama Sahara** (October 22) reports that the police have arrested the man who kept a damaged Quran at a Durga Puja Pandal in Comilla. The accused, Iqbal Hussain, is nearly 30 years old. After this incident, from October 13, on the pretext of desecration of Quran, Hindu temples and Hindu colonies were targeted in all the districts of Bangladesh and Hindu colonies were looted. As per the claims of the police, 72 cases have been filed in this connection, and more than 450 people have been arrested. The security of temples has been tightened throughout the country.

**Inquilab** (October 16) states that Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has warned the rioters that they will not be spared under any circumstances. However, along with it, she urged the Indian government to take stringent action against rioters. There should not happen anything in India that would result in Bangladeshi Hindus facing its consequences. She said this while wishing Hindus on the occasion of Durga Puja celebrations at Dhakeshwari temple. According to the newspaper,

several companies of paramilitary forces have been deployed in huge strength in 22 districts of Bangladesh.

**Roznama Sahara** (October 30) states that the head of the ISKCON temple Charu Chand Das Brahmchari alleged that the Bangladesh government has failed to provide security to Hindus and hence ISKCON has directed its supporters spread over 150 countries in the world to hold protests against Bangladesh government in their respective countries. He also said that during the regime of Sheikh Hasina, the properties of Hindus have been illegally seized and they have been attacked in an organised manner. He said the government should rebuild the temples that have been destroyed in the recent riots. He alleged that the government is not interested in providing security to Hindus. The preparations for the riots have been going on for some time now. However, the intelligence agencies did not take any action to stop them.

**Siasat** (October 30) states that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, while condemning the attack on Hindus by



Muslim fundamentalists in Bangladesh urged the government there to take strong action against such elements. The RSS has assured the Hindu community in Bangladesh that the entire Hindu society including the RSS stand by them in this difficult time. In a statement, it has also expressed concern that after Partition, the population of Hindus in Bangladesh is constantly decreasing. During the time of Partition, the population of Hindus in Bangladesh was 28%, which has come down to less than 8% now.

## Islamic State threatens to target Shias

**Inquilab** (October 19) states that the killings of Shia Muslims have not stopped in Afghanistan. Sunni terrorist organisation Islamic State claims that Shia Muslims are very dangerous. They will be targeted across the world. According to Khaama Press, Islamic State's Iraq and Syria weekly newspaper has threatened that Shias will be targeted from Baghdad to Khorasan in the first phase. The Khorasan chapter of ISIS has become the biggest impediment in the path of establishing peace in Afghanistan after Taliban came to power. So far, the Islamic State had attacked three prominent mosques of Shia Muslims in Afghanistan and massacred more than 250 innocent



people and it has also taken responsibility for the massacres. On October 8, more than 100 Shia Muslims offering namaz in a mosque in Kandahar were killed. Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed that more than 2,000 ISIS terrorists are present in the northern region of Afghanistan. He alleged that the ISIS terrorists are trying to enter

different countries under the guise of being refugees. Taliban have refuted these claims of Russia.

**Roznama Sahara** (October 17) states that the ISIS launched a suicide attack at a Shia masjid in Kandahar in which at least 50 people were killed and dozens were injured. ISIS issued a statement through its Telegram channel and claimed responsibility for it and threatened that it would continue to launch such attacks. It also claimed that after Taliban captured power in Afghanistan, it has targeted Shias four times. Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid condemned the incident and said that we would defeat the efforts being made to pitch Shias and Sunnis against each other. He also said that bombs exploded at three places in the mosque in Kandahar. Surprisingly, in all these attacks, only Shias were targeted. Mujahid claimed that they would flush out ISIS terrorists from all places and destroy them. The Iranian foreign ministry condemned the killings of

Shias in Afghanistan and urged Muslim nations to condemn the activities of enemies of Islam.

**Inqilab** (October 28) reports that the US defence secretary had warned that the terrorists of Islamic State may carry out some major strike in the US in the next six months and hence the country needs to remain alert in this connection. He said that Islamic State is more dangerous than Al Qaida and the threat from Afghanistan is more dangerous than from Iraq and Syria. We are ready to take any step to face this danger. Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov claimed that the Islamic groups active in Afghanistan are getting all kinds of help from foreign lands.

In another news, while addressing a meeting of the foreign ministers of China, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, the Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi has alleged that the US is involved in bloodshed in Afghanistan through Islamic State. Every nation should unite to oppose this, he said. ■

## Jihadi kills British MP

**Inqilab** (October 16) reports that a Jihadi had entered a church in Britain and stabbed to death a ruling party MP, Sir David Amess. The police investigation has identified the jihadi as Ali Harbi Ali and he originally belongs to Somalia. He stabbed the 69-year-old MP with a knife several times, resulting in serious injuries to him. Later he succumbed to his injuries in hospital. A



crowd captured the attacker on the spot and seized the knife from him. The attacker is believed to be around 25 years old and it is being said that he is linked to some Islamic fundamentalist organisation. Nowadays, Islamic terrorism is spreading in different countries in the Europe. France and Germany brought special laws

to stop the arrival of Muslim refugees from foreign countries. ■

## Attack on the camp of Rohingya refugees

**Inqilab** (October 23) states that some unidentified people attacked a camp of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. They opened indiscriminate fire at a madrasa resulting in the on-the-spot death of seven persons and injuries to more than

two dozen others. The police have started a search for the attackers. According to the newspaper, the incident took place at the camp of Rohingya refugees situated on the border between Bangladesh and Myanmar. According to police, there was more than

one attacker. Two days earlier alsosome people had attacked the same Rohingya camp in which four persons were killed. The police had captured one of the attackers on the spot and seized a pistol and knife from him. Nearly nine lakh refugees stay in Rohingya refugee camps situated on the border between Bangladesh and Myanmar who had fled Myanmar following the military action against Rohingyas. The biggest camp of the refugees is in Cox Bazar, where more than 5 lakh refugees stay. They had fled Myanmar nearly four years ago. Recently, nearly two lakh of these refugees were shifted to an island near Bangladesh with the cooperation of



the United Nations refugee agency. However, majority of these refugees do not want to stay in the new place.

## China ready to invest in Afghanistan

**Hamara Samaj** (October 16) states that the deputy information minister of Taliban, Zabiullah Mujahid, said that China has expressed its interest to invest billions of dollars in Afghanistan. Addressing a press conference along with the representative of Voice of America, Ayesha Tanzem, he claimed that nations across the world had expressed interest in extending financial aid to Afghanistan to tide over the current financial crisis. He said that if the US releases the investments it had frozen, then there is no need for Afghanistan to receive foreign aid and we would be able to stand on our legs. Mentioning about the activities of Islamic State in Afghanistan, he said that foreign sources are exaggerating the number of ISIS activists in the country. We are in a situation where we are able to break their back. He claimed that Taliban had arrested 200 people linked to Islamic State and destroyed many of their outposts. He said that the Taliban were in a position to stop ISIS activities.

As per another report published in **Hamara Samaj**, the press secretary of US, Jen Psaki has refuted the news that China has been making investments worth billions of dollars in Afghanistan. He said that if one takes into account the kind of



huge economic crisis that the China is facing, it is unlikely that China would be able to make any kind of huge investments in Afghanistan. The former Pakistan Ambassador to US, Hasan Haqqani also expressed doubt over the claims that China would be making investments in Afghanistan. He said that in case China makes investments in Afghanistan, then it would also be expecting returns worth crores of dollar from there every year, something which is not possible if one look at the present financial condition of the country. He said that due to the pressure from the United Nations, so far China has handed over only 31 lakh dollar to Taliban. Till the current government in Afghanistan gets recognition at international level, it should not expect any foreign investments.

## Military coup in Sudan



**Inquilab** (October 26) reports that the prime minister of Sudan, Abdalla Hamdok has been detained at his residence following a military coup and many senior officials have been arrested. According to media reports, the military has taken into custody many ministers, the governor of Khartoum and many higher officials. The information minister of Sudan has confirmed that the military has taken into custody dozens of people and have shut down internet services. The military has told citizens not to come out of their houses. However, despite it, people held protest marches carrying national flag in several cities. In capital Khartoum protest marches were still being held. The protesters also encircled the military headquarters. The arrested prime minister and other ministers are in custody in some unidentified places. Prime Minister Hamdok had refused to support the military coup and urged the people that they keep their protests alive in order to protect their civilian rights.

Sudan's representative in United Nations described the military coup as unfortunate and said that the way the prime minister and ministers of the previous government has been taken into custody was worrisome. He urged the military to release all the arrested persons. The European Union and the US also expressed concern over the developments in Sudan. The general secretary of Arab League urged all factions in Sudan to abide by the agreement signed in August 2019 and resolve the issues between them through talks. This is because the infighting is not in the interest of the nation.

Meanwhile, according to **Roznama Sahara** (October 26), a General of Sudanese military, Hanafi Abdullah, has claimed that the military has arrested a few people in order to establish original democracy in the country. In an interview to 'Al Arabia' news channel, he said that the military would make efforts to form a civilian government in the

country and would hold elections in a free and fair atmosphere. He claimed that the chief of the military council that has been formed, Abdul Fatah Al Burhan, may declare a state of emergency in the country. Earlier, General Al Burhan urged the Prime Minister to dissolve his cabinet. However, he had refused to accept this suggestion. Last month also a failed military coup took place in Sudan. The US has said that the agreement that has been reached in Sudan has been violated and the way the power has been seized, it is against the policy of the US.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 29) states that according to the government television in Sudan, the commander-in-chief of the military, Al Burhan, has removed six Ambassadors, posted abroad, from their posts. Those who have been removed from their posts include the Ambassadors to US, European Union, Qatar, China and France. In order to curb public protest, the military is out on the streets and those staging protests are being arrested. In order to contain public anger, deposed Prime Minister Abdulla Hamdok was brought back to his house from the jail. However, the military has positioned itself in strength outside his residence. The military is trying to suppress the opponents. In 2019, the

government of President Umar Al Bashir was overthrown and a temporary government was formed, which decided that elections will be held in the country within a year and the power would be handed over to a civilian government. However, this agreement was never kept.

In 1956, Sudan got independence from foreign rule but the military's sway over politics got increased. Two years later in 1958, the then chief of staff, Major General Ibrahim Abboud, captured power through a bloody coup. In 1964, due to public anger, the military had to abdicate power. But the civilian government did not last long. Five years later, the military once again captured power. In 1985, yet another group, with the help of military, removed the previous military officers from power and took over power. Later elections took place in the country and the power went to the hands of a civilian government headed by Prime Minister Al Sadik Al-Mehdi. However, three years later in 1989, the military once again captured power under the leadership of Brigadier Omar Al-Bashir. Omar Al-Bashir remained in power for 30 years. Later, following a rebellion in 2019, both military and civilians formed an executive council. ■

## 18 killed in attack on mosque in Nigeria

**Siasat** (October 27) reports that an armed gang attacked namazis at a mosque in northern Nigeria and killed at least 18 persons. The incident took place in Mazakuka locality in Nigeria. It is being said that the attackers are linked to the nomadic Fulani herders. The attackers have been absconding after the attack. A civil war is on between different tribes for the past one decade in Nigeria. Some of these tribes have the support of Jihadi organisation linked to Al Qaida, namely Al Shabab. The place where the incident took place is



nearly 270 kilometres away from the country's capital.

Earlier, according to **Roznama Sahara** (October 25), an armed gang had attacked a jail in Nigeria. The gang first

blew up the perimeter wall using bombs and then entered the jail and took policemen on hostage and freed more 800 inmates of the jail. The military conducted

a search after which 250 jail inmates were taken back into custody. The army is searching for the gang that organised the attack. ■

## Emergency withdrawn in Egypt

**Inqilab** (October 28) reports that the President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, has announced the end of Emergency in the country which was imposed nearly four years ago. He claimed that the Emergency was imposed to take on the terrorists. However, his detractors claim that on the pretext of Emergency, el-Sisi had sent thousands of his opponents to jail. According to the newspaper, in April 2017, extremist Islamic organisation exploded bombs in Egypt's Coptic Christian churches in which hundreds of people were killed. A group associated with Islamic State took responsibility for the explosions. The Emergency was declared in the country three months after the explosions. According to the government, the Emergency was declared to save the country from the terrorists of ISIS. Under the guise of Emergency, the citizens were deprived of their basic civil



rights and censorship was imposed on media. Public meetings and rallies were banned throughout the country. Commenting on the lifting of Emergency from the country, a human rights activist of Egypt welcomed the decision of the president and said that the announcement would have no effect on the cases filed due to political enmity and pending in courts against hundreds of his opponents. The government, through back door, wants to keep all the power and curb democracy. ■

## Strong action by Turkish President Erdogan

**Qaumi Tanzeem** (October 25) reports that the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan has ordered the expulsion of ten Ambassadors from his country including that of the US. These Ambassadors have demanded the release of social activist Osman Kavala from the jail. What is surprising is that among the 10 Ambassadors being expelled from the country, seven belong to NATO countries. If they are expelled from Turkey, this is the first time in his 19-year-rule that a fight has started with Western countries. Civil rights



activist Osman Kavala is in jail for the past four years. In 2013, he has been accused of

holding nationwide protest against the government of Turkey in collusion with foreign powers. Following the failed coup in Turkey in 2016, he has been taken into custody. On October 18, the Ambassadors of Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, New Zealand and the US, in a joint statement, sought the immediate release of Osman Kavala. The foreign ministry of Turkey summoned all these Ambassadors and told them that their statement was interference in the internal affairs of Turkey.

Addressing a public meeting, Tayyip Erdogan had said that no foreign power has the right to interfere in the internal affairs of his country. Whatever these ten Ambassadors had done cannot be tolerated.

Hence it is necessary that they pack up their bags from Turkey. The government of Norway said that it would continue to make efforts to protect civil rights of the people of Turkey. President of European Parliament David Sasoli said that the expulsion of 10 Ambassadors shows the dictatorial nature of Turkish government which cannot be tolerated.

**Qaumi Tanzeem** in its editorial on October 27, has urged Erdogan to rethink about his decision. The newspaper said that as far as the views of Erdogan are concerned, he is clear about the thing that whichever foreign country wants to have friendship with Turkey should not interfere in the internal affairs of the country and those who do not accept this policy have no right to continue in the country. ■

## Arab Union's military operation in Yemen

**Roznama Sahara** (October 22) reports that Saudi Arabia and its allies have launched a military operation in Yemen capital Sana'a. Saudi Arabia has claimed that the Houthi rebels in Yemen are attacking Saudi at the behest of foreign powers and this cannot be tolerated anymore. Saudi Arabia claimed that it would make efforts to ensure that citizens are not harassed in any manner. Foreign minister of Saudi Arabia Prince Faizal bin Farhan urged US Ambassador that they should put pressure on Iran to stop extending help to Houthis. The Saudi Arabian Security Council condemned the attacks being carried out against Saudi Arabia by Houthi militia. Due to the activities of Houthis in Yemen, people there are dying of hunger.

**Siasat** (October 21) states that according to the sources in United Nations organisation UNICEF, due to the Houthi rebels in Yemen, at least 10,000 children were either killed or physically disabled. War is continuing in Yemen for the past five years where the Iran-supported Houthi rebels are fighting the internationally recognised Yemeni government. Due to the civil war, 17 lakh people have been rendered homeless and nearly 1.1 crore

people are facing starvation. Nearly 20 lakh children are unable to go to school.

**Inquilab** (October 25) reports that the number of people killed in bombings by Houthi rebels in Marib province in Yemen has reached 40. Majority of those who were killed were women and children. Information minister of Yemen, Muammar Al Iriyani has claimed that Iran-made missiles were used in these attacks. The rebels deliberately targeted mosques, madarsas and the citizens. The Yemen government has urged the world to interfere in the matter.

**Inquilab** (October 28) states that the Arab Alliance has claimed that its security system has destroyed two drones carrying explosives. Their targets were Abha airport and Najran town in Saudi Arabia. In the counter action by Yemen government, 85 Houthi rebels were killed and nine military vehicles were destroyed. The soldiers of Saudi Alliance took military action against Houthi rebels 21 times in two days in which 105 Houthis were killed. The Alliance also claimed that more than 92 Houthis were killed in military action in Marib and Iran-made weapons were seized from them. ■

Others

## China's enmity towards Quran

**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 17) states that well-known company Apple has confirmed that they have stopped the Quran app due to pressure from Chinese government. The app named Quran Majeed was available on app store throughout the world and it is said that it had more than 50 crore users. However, due to the pressure from Chinese government, it has been deleted. However, when the Chinese government was contacted, it did not give any reply. The Chinese Communist Party recognises Islam



as a religion but it has been accused of harassing Muslims.

## Mahmood Madani in the list of influential leaders

**Hamara Samaj** (October 20) states that a renowned organisation of Jordan, RISSC, has released a list of the world's most influential Muslim leaders in which the chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Mahmood Madani has been listed among the world's 50 most influential Muslim leaders for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive time. In the past, the chief of Barelvi sect, Akhtar Raza Khan, had figured in the list. The organisation has given a detailed account of Mahmood



Madani's service to the community and the society.

## Syrian refugees expelled from Turkey for eating bananas

**Avadhnama** (November 2) states that after a video of several Syrian refugees in Turkey eating bananas surfaced in social media, they were expelled from Turkey. As per a report of Al Jazeera, the Turkish government was quoted as saying that since the video went viral, tension erupted between the refugees and the local residents. The video shows seven refugees eating banana and they had a clash with

local residents. Commenting on the incident, a Turkish woman said that you claim to be refugee and at the same time are eating bananas. Responding to it, a refugee answered that you people were relaxing at home and buying dozens of bananas. Can't I buy one banana and eat it? After the video went viral, the Turkish government took all seven refugees into custody and expelled them from Turkey.

## Maulana Hakim Abdullah gets Lifetime Achievement Award

**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 31) reports that the Institute of Objective Studies has announced the ninth IOS Award to the chairman of Milli Council and a member of several other Islamic organisations, Maulana Hakim Mohammad Abdullah Murgesi. So far, eight persons have been honoured with this award. The first award was given to the retired Chief Justice of India, Justice A M Ahmadi, in 2007. The second award was given to the chief of Imarat-e-Shariah, Maulana Wali Rahmani, the third



award was given to former Governor A R Kidwai, fourth to Prof B Sheikh Ali, fifth to Maulana Dr Sayed Ali Azmi Nadwi, sixth to A J Noorani, seventh to Prof Akhtarul Wasey and the eighth award had been given to Prof Mohsin Usmani Nadwi. The award carries a memento and a cheque for Rs one lakh. Maulana Hakim Abdullah is 84 years old and he received his education from Darul Uloom Deoband.

## Maulana Arshad Madani lands in controversy



**Mumbai Urdu News** (October 20) states that the Amir-ul-Hind of Muslims, Maulana Arshad Madani has landed in a controversy by giving interview to Hindutvavadi television channel, Sudarshan News. The newspaper states that Arshad Madani is getting closer to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh due to which a huge misconception has arisen among Muslims. A few days ago, this prominent Muslim leader went to the RSS head office in Jhandewalan and held a secret meeting with RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat and now due to his anti-Muslim stand he gave an interview to notorious Hinduvadi channel 'Sudarshan News.' This has resulted in huge concern

among Muslims of the country. Social activist Surab Kakwani has alleged that Maulana Arshad Madani is playing into the hands of anti-Muslims and hence it is an insult to Allah and his Prophet. General Secretary of Ulema Council, Maulana Ahmad Khan Dariyabadi expressed concern that now this anti-Muslim TV channel would present the interview of Maulana by twisting it, bringing a bad name to Muslims.

The editor of **Mumbai Urdu News**, Shakir Rasheed said that the Maulana has allowed himself to be surrounded by ignorant people and he has put the honour of the entire Muslim community at stake. The truth is that nowadays he is getting attached to the saffron family. Maulana Athar Delhavi said that Madani saheb should not have held talks with such enemies of Muslims. The chief editor of Millet Times Shams Tabrez said that the Maulana has got into the trap of the Sanghi channel and its leaders. Maulana Yasir Nadeem Al Wajidi said that the anti-Muslim antics of the Maulana cannot be tolerated under any circumstances.

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