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## Summary

Israel has broken the back of Islamic terrorist organisations Hamas and Hezbollah. It has eliminated the top leadership of both these organisations. Now, Iran itself has jumped into the field. The truth is that Iran is isolated in Muslim world and majority of the Muslim nations are not extending any substantive help to it. In reality, the entire Muslim world is caught in the clutches of Shia-Sunni divide. Only Shia nations are active against Israel. Saudi Arabia, which boasts of being the leader of Muslim countries, is also trying to secretly establish diplomatic relationship with Israel. Here it is also worth mentioning that not a single Sunni organisation took part in the protest marches held in different cities of India against the killing of Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. The most important thing is that only Shia newspapers had published news about the demonstrations with some prominence. Whereas Sunni newspapers ignored the news.

Serious differences have cropped up among Muslim organisations over the Waqf Amendment Bill presented in Parliament by the Modi government in order to improve the management of Waqf properties. The Bareilvi sect, which generally recognises Sufis and the dargahs, is supporting this bill. Whereas the Muslims belonging to Deobandi and Wahabi ideology are opposing it. As per government's estimate, the current value of Muslim Waqf properties is approximately Rs 1.25 lakh crore. Some Muslim organisations allege that these Waqf properties are not being used for the welfare of ordinary Muslims and the political mafia keep control over them. The Modi government claims that once the bill becomes a law, there will be transparency on the income and expenditure of the Waqf properties and the income generated from them could be utilised for the economic and educational development of poor Muslims.

The group which has captured power in Bangladesh has its links with Pakistan and fundamentalist Islamic organisation Jamaat-e-Islami. It is said that the Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI and the Pakistani lobby in the US were behind the public anger that had erupted against the Sheikh Hasina government of Awami League in Bangladesh. After the liberation of Bangladesh, the anniversary of Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah was observed for the first time with the blessings of the Md Yunus government. The Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan was specially invited for this event. In this event, Jinnah was described as a true well-wisher of Bengali Muslims and also the father of Bangladesh apart from Pakistan. It was claimed that had Pakistan not been created, the Bengali Muslims would have ever remained as slaves of Hindus. This apart, the ruling group in Bangladesh is making efforts to increase its business and military relationship with Pakistan. The rising influence of China and Pakistan in Bangladesh is likely to be a new headache for Bharat.

Now, the relationship between Iran and Afghanistan is also turning sour. The Iran government has decided to expel 40 lakh Afghan citizens from the country and send them back to Afghanistan. The Iran government said these Afghan citizens are involved in robbery and other crimes. This has created problems for the Iranian administration. The Afghan government alleged that majority of the citizens of Afghan origin who are being expelled from the country by the Iran government were born in Iran itself and they had the Iranian passport and visa with them. Spokesperson of Afghanistan government Abdul Ghani Qazizada alleged that Iran officials are tearing off the passport and visas of citizens of Afghan origin in order to portray them as illegal infiltrators.

## Differences among Muslim organisations over Waqf Amendment Bill

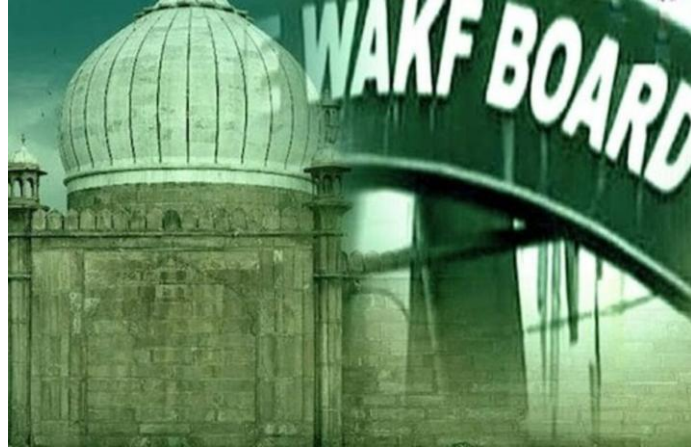


**Inqilab** (September 21) states that serious differences have surfaced among different Muslim organisations over the Waqf Amendment Bill presented in the Parliament by the Union government. Majority of the Muslim organisations are opposing this bill. Whereas some organisations linked to All India Pasmada Muslim Mahaj, All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council and Muslim Rashtriya Manch are supporting it. Reacting to it, senior journalist Shahid Siddiqui said these organisations do not have the popular support of Muslims and neither do they represent Indian Muslims. These are the people who have always stabbed the Muslim community in the back. The BJP wants Muslims to remain divided. Now this game is being played in the name of backward Muslims, women and Sufis. He further said, this law will harm everyone and it will open the doors for governmental seizure of masjids, dargahs, kabristan and other historical buildings. He said the parliamentary committee is nothing more than a joke.

**Hamara Samaj** (September 20) states that in a memorandum submitted to

the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council and All India Pasmada Muslim Mahaj have supported the Waqf Amendment Bill tabled in the Parliament by the government. They said that the Waqf board has become the main source of corruption and some people have been keeping control on them. No ordinary Muslim is getting any benefit from these Waqf properties. In such a situation, it is necessary that the Muslim Waqf should be freed from the clutches of mafia gangs so that the income generated from them could be utilised for the welfare of needy Muslims, widows and orphaned children. Chief of All India Imam Organisation, Maulana Umar Ahmad Ilyasi, also supported the bill presented by the government through a memorandum. He said the Waqf has become a means of plunder for the political parties and the leaders of the parties in power are making illegitimate use of it for decades. Ilyasi said that 80 percent of the Waqf properties are under illegal occupation and no effort is being made to free them. He also alleged that the Waqf mafia have taken huge money and given shops worth crores of

rupees built on Waqf property to their favourites at a nominal rent and their tenancies are extended without any increase in fares. This is the reason why the tenants occupying the shops of Fatehpuri masjid have submitted a memorandum to the JPC and opposed the proposed Waqf Amendment Bill. Chairman of All India Sufi Sajjadanashin Council, Syed Nasruddin Chishti, also submitted a memorandum to



the JPC and supported the Waqf Amendment Bill presented in the Parliament by the government. He alleged that the mafia which have occupied the Waqf properties fear that if this bill is passed in the Parliament, then Waqf properties worth trillions of rupees will go out of their clutches, whose earnings they have been enjoying for years. They are opposing this bill due to this fear. Chishti said we had stressed in the memorandum that the Muslim Waqf properties shall be used for the welfare of ordinary Muslims. He alleged that the Wahabi Muslims (among which Deobandis are the most important) are opposing this bill because they do not have any faith in the dargahs and mazars. In any case, Wahabi-Deobandi Muslims are opposed to the Sufi and Bareilvi ideology. However, 80 percent of Muslims in India keep their faith on dargahs, sufis and the mazars of peer-fakirs, and hence Deobandis do not represent Indian Muslims. Chishti claimed that the Deobandis are linked to Congress right from the beginning, and hence the Congress have been supporting them.

The Khadim of Ajmer Sharif Dargah Syed Sarwar Chishti said the delegation that appeared before the JPC on behalf of All India Sajjadanashin Council was led by Syed Nasruddin Chishti. He has no relations with the dargah of Ajmer Sharif. It is a governmental effort to mislead the Muslims in the country. Veteran Congress leader Meem Afsal said the ruling BJP wants to get this bill passed in the

Parliament at any cost, because their eyes are on the Waqf properties worth trillions of rupees. Chief of Momin Conference, Shakil Uzzman Ansari, said the BJP wants to divide Muslims in the name of Pasmada Muslims so that it could mislead the Muslims in the country. The purpose of this bill is to ease government takeover of mosques, dargahs and cemeteries.

According to the newspaper, a heated debate took place in the meeting of the JPC held today. The Muslim Personal Law Board handed over a memorandum to the JPC and threw light on the status of Waqf properties as per Islam. The board said that as per Islamic Shariah, nobody has any right to interfere in Waqf properties. The board claimed that if we do not get justice, we will knock at the doors of the Supreme Court.

**Urdu Times** (September 13) in its editorial said that Waqf is purely a matter of Muslims and there is no need to take the opinion of non-Muslims on this issue. This shows the intentions of the government. It is clear that the non-Muslims in the country will give their opinion against the Waqf at the behest of communal elements.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 14) states that All India Muslim Personal Law Board has claimed that 3.5 crore memorandums have been sent to JPC against the Waqf Amendment Bill.

**Urdu Times** (September 13) in its editorial has urged that Muslims should not feel satisfied about the claim of Muslim Personal Law Board because double the

number of memorandums in favour of the bill have reached the JPC.

**Urdu Times** (September 12) in its editorial has expressed satisfaction that Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said his party will not allow the government to grab any religious property and Shiv Sena will strongly oppose it.

**Hindustan** (October 2) in its editorial accused Home Minister Amit Shah of adopting dictatorial methods. The newspaper said that Amit Shah, while addressing an election meeting, had threatened that the Waqf Amendment Bill will be tabled in the next session of the Parliament and those who oppose it will be 'straightened out.' The newspaper said that the Muslims and the Opposition parties are opposing this bill because the government through this law wants to interfere in Islam and end the separate identity of Muslims. This is totally against the Constitution and secularism of the country.

**Etemaad** (September 28) states that at the meeting of the JPC held in Ahmedabad, a heated exchange took place between the chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi and Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi. Owaisi said that Muslims are against the Waqf Amendment Bill, and hence it should be withdrawn. On this, JPC chairman Jagadambika Pal said that you have already started a campaign on this. Owaisi said this bill is against Islam, hence

we are opposing it and we will oppose it till our last breath. This is an effort to deprive the Muslims of their basic rights.

**Urdu Times** (September 9) states that the chief of Nationalist Congress Party Sharad Pawar had assured a delegation of All India Muslim Personal Law Board that he would not allow the Waqf Amendment Bill to be passed in Parliament under any context and will strongly oppose it.

**Urdu Times** (September 17) states that more than six crore emails have been sent to JPC opposing this bill. On the other hand, ABP News claimed that the committee has received only 84 suggestions. This apart, 70 boxes filled with written suggestions have also reached the committee. The newspaper asked whether any tampering is made in the memorandum being sent against the bill? In this connection, Muslim institutions need to remain alert.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 25) has advised the Muslims in the country that they should not bring the Waqf issue to the street, because if they do so, then the anti-Muslim communal parties will wrongly use their agitation and will try to create hatred among the minds of the majority community in the country against the Muslims.

**Urdu Times** (September 17) in its editorial appealed to the Muslims that they do not get trapped in the communal network of the BJP.

## Demonstrations in India against the killing of Hezbollah chief

**Avadhnama** (September 30) states that Muslims held massive protests in several cities in India against Israel's killing of the chief of terrorist organisation Hezbollah, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. As soon as the news about the killing of Nasrallah spread, more than 10,000 Muslims reached the Chhota Imambara located in Lucknow and held a massive protest till the Bada Imambara. They included women and children in huge numbers. They had the

flags of Hezbollah and the photos of Nasrallah in their hands. The protesters observed mourning by wearing black dress and raised slogans against Israel and the US. As the protests ended, the effigy of Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the leaders of the US were burned.

**Roznama Sahara** (September 30) states that mourning was organised in more than a dozen places in Lucknow over the death of Hassan Nasrallah and candle



marches were taken out in different parts of the city. In the march, slogans of ‘US-Israel Murdabad’ were raised. In this connection, a *Shok Sabha* was also organised at Dargah Hazrat Abbas, Rustam Nagar. Addressing this meeting, Shia leader Maulana Syed Kalbe Jawad Naqvi said, “in Islam, no one is counted above a martyr. Hassan Nasrallah became a martyr for Islam and Rasool. We are not the kind to be oppressed. If Israel martyrs one Nasrallah, thousands of Nasrallahs will take over his place. Muslims will keep fighting against Israel and America till the last drop of their blood. The media which describe Hassan Nasrallah and Hezbollah as terrorists are funded by Israel. The real terrorist is not Nasrallah, it is Netanyahu.” A similar meeting was also organised at Masjid Rahate Sultan Noorbadi. This meeting was addressed by Maulana Sohail Rizvi. In grief over Nasrallah’s murder, the Shias raised black flags at their imambaras, karbalas and dargahs in several parts in Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh.

**Inqilab** (October 1) states that protest marches were organised in several parts of the country against Israel and the US over the killing of Hassan Nasrallah. In a march organised in Srinagar, more than 5,000 people took part, which included burqa-clad women in huge numbers. The protesters were addressed by the women of ‘Dukhtaran-e-Millet.’ The protesters carried black flags and the photos of

Nasrallah in their hands. Demonstrations were held in several localities in Budgam, Bandipore and Baramulla districts against the killing of Nasrallah. Marches were also organised at Alamgiri Bazar in Srinagar. In protest against the killing of Nasrallah, leader of People’s Democratic Party Mehbooba Mufti suspended her election campaign for a day and also appealed to hold a state-wide hartal. On an appeal by National Conference leader and Lok Sabha member Aga Ruhullah Mehdi, a *Shok Sabha* was organised in several places in Ladakh and protests were held against Israel and the US. Hartal was also organised in Raipur and Chanderi in Chhattisgarh and massive protests were held. News about Muslims holding massive protests in several places in Kolkata and Assam were also received. In Hyderabad also protests were held against Israel.

Almost all Urdu newspapers which are being published in the country offered condolences on the death of the chief of Hezbollah Hassan Nasrallah and condemned the US and Israel.

**Avadhnama** (September 29) in its editorial said that Israel has proved that it has no respect for the United Nations and the Security Council and it is not ready to give any importance to the International Court of Justice. The world powers have failed to stop the genocide of innocent Palestinians in Gaza. Israel has killed several prominent commanders of



Hezbollah apart from its chief Hassan Nasrallah. Earlier, it had also killed the chief of Hamas Ismail Haniyeh. Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has appealed to Muslims across the world that they get united against Israel. He said that "It has been the history of the Mujahideen of Islam that they used to take to the field against the forces hostile to Islam with a cerement (burial cloth) over their heads. The killing of Hassan Nasrallah has shocked the entire Muslim world. In order to protect Islam and the Prophet, all Muslim nations should get united and wage a decisive battle against Israel and the US."

**Urdu Times** (September 27) in its editorial said that after Gaza, Israel has now started targeting Lebanon. It is a pity that the Muslim nations have so far failed to unite against Israel and take any credible step against it. This led to an increase in Israel's aggressive activities.

**Urdu Times** (September 29) in its editorial has expressed grief over the killing of Nasrallah and said that Israel had already targeted Hamas chief Haniyeh. This is not a loss to just one nation, but a loss to the entire Islamic world. The

question here is whether the Islamic nations will collectively take any decisive step against Israel or just keep condemning it? The newspaper urged Muslims all over the world to unite and come out in the field to face the oppression of Israel and one must sacrifice everything to destroy the enemies of Islam.

**Hindustan** (September 30) said that after the killing of Nasrallah, Iran has unleashed a war against Israel. It is a welcome step. Now a front has been opened against Israel by Iraq and Syria apart from Iran. The way Israel is engaged in destroying organisations like Hamas and Hezbollah, Iran has no other option but to retaliate. The important question here is will Iran alone be able to take on Israel and the US? Will the more than 100 Muslim nations become silent spectators and watch the genocide of Muslims or take some credible steps against the anti-Islam conspiracies of Israel and the US? The regretful thing is that till now several Muslim nations are silently watching the genocide of Muslims.

**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (September 30) has expressed regret in its editorial that in European countries, even if a dog dies, the Western nations make a hue and cry, but Israel is playing with the blood of Muslims for the past one year and the so called protectors of human rights are silently watching the killing of thousands of innocent people. The manner in which the US and other Western nations are openly supporting Israel, it doesn't look like there is any possibility of playing Holi with blood will stop.

## Mandatory to display the name of eatery owners in Uttar Pradesh

**Inquilab** (September 25) states that it has once again been made mandatory in Uttar Pradesh to write the name of owners on all shops, dhabas, hotels and restaurants selling food items. This decision was taken during a meeting of Uttar Pradesh cabinet.

After the meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that government had received the complaints that harmful items were being included in food items.

To enforce health rules, the government has decided that everyone





cooking or serving food will have to wear masks and gloves. This apart, the shopkeepers have to set up CCTV cameras and keep their footage secure so that as and when required, the police and administrative officials could inspect them. The chief minister said that a full-fledged investigation will be held into the shops and dhabas that make food items or distribute them and a police verification will be done for their employees. If necessary, Food Safety and Standards Act will also be amended. Stringent action will be taken against those who are caught mixing items harmful to the health in food items. It is to be noted that earlier also the Uttar Pradesh government had directed that name plates should be displayed by those who sell food items on the paths of Kanwar Yatra, which was cancelled following the directions of the Supreme Court.

**Inquilab** (September 26) states that politics has once again started over this decision of Uttar Pradesh government. A few opposition parties like Samajwadi Party and Congress objected to the decision of the government. They alleged that the government is trying to close the job opportunities of Dalits and Muslims by issuing such orders. Spokesperson of Samajwadi Party Abdul Hafiz Gandhi said this decision of the state government is due to political compulsions, hence it should be opposed. Another leader of the party,

Ravidas Mehrotra, said now the police will collect bribe from all the shopkeepers of the state by threatening them with fake charges. Congress leader Arshad Azmi also opposed this decision. He said the government should give orders to display the names of those who run beef factories as well.

**Roznama Sahara** (September 28) states that the imam of Fatehpuri masjid Mufti Mohammad Mukarram Ahmad, while condemning the decision of Uttar Pradesh government, said that Chief Minister Yogi is deliberately making fake allegations against Muslims and is creating an anti-Muslim atmosphere in the state. While condemning this decision, Jamiat Ulema also demanded to withdraw the decision. Jamaat-e-Islami said this decision of Uttar Pradesh government would increase communal tension in the state. All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat also accused the Yogi government of spreading communal hatred in the state.

**Hindustan Express** (September 25) in its editorial criticised this *firman* of Yogi government. The newspaper said now it has been made mandatory to display the names of the owners of hotels being run in the biggest state in the country. The purpose of this decision is to promote communalism. The newspaper said the Uttar Pradesh government had taken a similar decision during the Kanwar Yatra

as well, which some other state governments also followed. Later the Supreme Court had put an interim stay on this decision of the government. The newspaper said that there are no two opinions that cleanliness of food items should be taken care of but playing political games based on religion or faith on its pretext is condemnable. Only the rich owners of hotels and dhabas will benefit from this decision of the government. Whereas those who sell food items on the streets will become victims of police harassment and it will start a new era of corruption.



**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 25) in its editorial criticised the decision of Yogi government. The newspaper said this will promote communalism in the state and would increase Hindu-Muslim tension. Such laws are generally being created to reap political dividends. However, the government has claimed that this decision was taken keeping in mind the health concerns of consumers. Whereas some other people allege that this decision has been taken to make a section of society the target of social boycott.

**Hindustan** (September 28) said that though there is a Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, the Muslims staying there are still being targeted. Earlier, masjids were targeted at the behest of a Congress Minister, Anirudh Singh. Now the ministry of another minister, Vikramaditya Singh, while following the Yogi government in Uttar Pradesh, issued an order. As per this *firman*, the name plates should be displayed on all the shops, hotels and dhabas in the state. This means that a particular community is now being economically boycotted. However, the Congress minister of Himachal Pradesh argued that this has been done to prevent adulteration of food items and to provide high quality food items to the public.

The newspaper said the Congress high command, while taking cognizance of the complaints of some people, summoned

Himachal Pradesh minister Vikramaditya Singh to Delhi. He said his intention was not to stop any citizen from doing business and this decision by him had nothing to do with the Yogi government. This clarification by the minister was not satisfactory. The intention of the state government is something else, which is being covered up. In Parliament, Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi has been continuously campaigning against the Hindutva flag-bearing government and anti-Muslim BJP and Sangh Parivar, but the people of his party are sabotaging his efforts. What is required is that the Congress High Command should put pressure on the state government so that it desists from anti-Muslim policy.

**Hindustan Express** (September 27) in its editorial has criticised the Himachal Pradesh government and said the Congress had to face embarrassment due to the direction of a minister of the party. The Congress high command has expressed strong resentment on this decision of the Himachal Pradesh government and directed it to withdraw it. The intriguing thing is that when the Yogi government in Uttar Pradesh took a similar decision, the Congress had criticised it, but now a Congress minister himself is committed to implementing this decision of Yogi government. Due to the decision of such irresponsible ministers, the image of Congress will get ruined. What is necessary is that the Congress government in the state should revoke this decision.

## India faces threat from ISIS and Al Qaida



**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (September 20) reports that Financial Action Task Force (FATF) had warned in its report that Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS and Al Qaida are preparing to play Holi with blood on a largescale in India. This international organisation based in Paris said terrorist Islamic organisations active in India are getting huge funds from foreign sources to promote violence in the country and to establish Shariah rule after overthrowing the elected government. In its report, this organisation has expressed concern that majority of the groups which are caught for their involvement in terrorist activities in Bharat get acquitted from higher courts because Indian investigative agencies often fail to produce credible proof against them in courts. There is almost a daily increase in the number of pending cases in the courts and hence the hearings in the cases against these terrorists are not taking place on a fast pace. In such a situation, it is necessary that the Indian government reconstitute investigating agencies and the legal cells associated with them. It is being said that this report comprises 368 pages. The report has analysed the role of foreign money in increasing terrorist activities in India after 2010.

**Inquilab** (September 30) states that the National Investigation Agency has alerted Maharashtra government that

Islamic terrorists may carry out some major attacks in Mumbai. Following this warning, a red alert was sounded in entire Maharashtra. In this connection, a huge increase was made in the number of security personnel deployed in railway stations, trains and airports. As per another media report, Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS had threatened to carry out explosions in more than a dozen prominent cities of Rajasthan. Following this warning, a red alert was sounded in entire Rajasthan.

**Etemaad** (September 25) reports that the National Investigation Agency carried out simultaneous raids in 11 locations in Tamil Nadu and took into custody a few people belonging to banned organisation Hizb ut-Tahrir. It is to be noted that the Tamil Nadu police had earlier arrested 11 persons in this case. Foreign currency and seditious literature were seized from the arrested persons. The persons who were caught were said to be experts in artificial intelligence and digital equipment. As per a press release issued by NIA, banned organisation Hizb ut-Tahrir is linked to Islamic terrorist organisations Al Qaida and ISIS. This terrorist organisation used to recruit Indian Muslim youths into ISIS on the strength of foreign money and they used to be sent abroad secretly. There they used to be given training on handling weapons and in the use of explosives. This



in 1953. The NIA had arrested a member of this organization, Jaleel Aziz Ahmad, from Bengaluru airport when he was trying to flee to Dubai. Following his interrogation, six persons belonging to this group were arrested which included Dr Hamid Hussain, Ahmad Manzoor, Abdul Rahman, Mohammad Mouris, Khader Nawaz Sharif and Ahmed Ali

organisation has been conspiring to establish an Islamic Caliphate after overthrowing the present government in India.

It is to be noted that Hizb ut-Tahrir was established by Taqi al-Din al-Nabhani

Umeri. The investigation agency claims that several secret training camps were organised to provide training in violent activities to Muslim youths who were recruited to this organisation. ■

## Urdu media targets One Nation, One Election plan



**Roznama Sahara** (September 19) reports that the Union Cabinet has accepted the report of the One Nation, One Election committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind. In this connection, the government will table a bill in the winter session of the Parliament. As per the report of this committee, the tenure of all the state Assemblies will be extended till the next Lok Sabha elections, means till 2029. If there is a hung Assembly or if a no-confidence motion is passed in the Assembly against any government, by-elections could be held for the rest of the tenure. The Election Commission will

prepare common voters' list and voter identity card for Lok Sabha, state Assemblies and local bodies election.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the concept of 'One Nation, One Election' would give a new life to the democracy and people's participation in them will increase. On the other hand, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge said this project is not practical. The Modi government has come up with this plan in order to distract the attention of people from the basic issues being faced by them. Home Minister Amit Shah has described it as an important step towards electoral reforms. Leader of

Rashtriya Janata Dal Manoj Jha said this is not something new. This idea has been worked on in the past as well. Chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi has described it as anti-democratic. Similarly, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said this is an effort to bring single-party rule in the country.



The newspaper said in its editorial that this idea is completely against the concept of federal structure of the country it will dig the grave of parliamentary democracy. It is a major step towards establishing dictatorship in the country. This will weaken democracy and will deprive people of their rights.

**Urdu Times** (September 20) said in its editorial that it indicates government's dangerous intentions, which is to establish dictatorship in the country. Holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections will increase the expenditure instead of reducing it, as it will require lakhs of additional machines. This project is an important step towards the dream that Prime Minister Modi sees to make this country an autocratic one.

**Hindustan** (September 20) in its editorial said that because of the large size of this nation, it would not be possible to conduct simultaneous Lok Sabha and all state Assembly elections. Till now, elections in one state is held in different phases. When we are not capable of holding simultaneous elections in states like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, is it not a day dream to conduct elections to Lok Sabha and all state Assemblies simultaneously?

**Etemaad** (September 21) said in its editorial that in view of the stand of the opposition, it does not seem possible for this government plan to get approval in the Parliament. It cannot be denied that Prime Minister Modi has been seeing the dream of 'One Nation, One Election.' Earlier, it was held on an experimental basis from 1952 to 1967, which had failed. In order to conduct simultaneous elections to the Parliament and the state Assemblies it is

necessary to amend the Constitution, which does not look possible in the present circumstances. If this plan is implemented, the biggest damage will be to regional parties, because if the Parliamentary and state Assembly elections are held simultaneously, then they would not be able to properly bring their regional issues before the people. The BJP claims that all the parties which are part of NDA are in favour of holding elections simultaneously. Hence they will not have any difficulty in amending the Constitution.

The BJP will have to remember that currently they do not have a clear majority in the Parliament and it is dependent on crutches. Whereas the Opposition is more strong and active this time. In such a situation, one doesn't see the possibility of BJP succeeding in doing things in an arbitrary manner.

**Avadhnama** (September 20) states that the dream that the government sees on conducting simultaneous elections to the Parliament, state Assemblies and the local bodies, is not practical. This is the reason why Opposition parties like Congress and Samajwadi Party are opposing this plan. This confirms the assumption that the BJP wants to establish dictatorship in this country. Their plan is to have the entire country in its clutches. This hypothesis is against the basic principles of democracy. If this plan is implemented, it will create various kinds of Constitutional crisis.

**Siasat** (September 25) in its editorial described this plan of the government as unpractical and anti-democratic. The newspaper said the government wants to eliminate the Opposition in this context and wants to impose a single-party government.

## In Malaysia, 355 Maulavis arrested on charges of sexual abuse of children



**Urdu Times** (September 24) states that after a nationwide investigation into incidents of sexual exploitation of children in Islamic boarding schools in Malaysia, the police had arrested 355 people, majority of whom were maulavis teaching in madrasas. According to official sources, the management of these Islamic madrasas where detailed investigations were held into the sexual exploitation of children was the responsibility of an Islamic organisation named Global Ikhwan Services and Business Holdings. Director General of Police Razaruddin Hussain told correspondents that these Islamic madrasas were being run by Al Arqam sect, on which the Malaysian government had imposed a ban in 1994.

The government got information regarding the nationwide sexual exploitation of children for the first time in December 2023. Following this, several Islamic madrasas were raided and more than 400 children who were victims of sexual exploitation were freed from them. In this connection, 171 teachers were arrested, majority of whom were maulavis who were running the madrasas and

masjids. Investigations done by doctors confirmed the allegations that children were sexually exploited in the schools. In view of the seriousness of the situation, raids were also conducted in child centres being operated from houses apart from the Islamic madrasas on the directions of the government. Later raids were conducted in 82 places in the country and 186 children who were victims of sexual exploitation were freed from them. This apart, 96 bank accounts of GISB were also seized, which had deposits worth 1.24 lakh dollars.

The website of this organisation introduces itself as an Islamic business institute whose network is spread among many European nations including Indonesia, France and Britain. Initially, the chief executive officer of GISB Nasruddin Ali had rejected these allegations, but later he admitted that such incidents might have taken place where children were made targets of sexual exploitation. The director general of police told correspondents that a detailed investigation is being carried out into the financial resources of this institute and the Islamic madrasas being run by the group linked to them.

## Love for Pakistan rising in Bangladesh



**Akhbar-e-Mashriq** (September 28) states that love for Pakistan is rapidly growing in Bangladesh. For the first time after the independence of Bangladesh, the 76<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah was observed recently at the National Press Club in the national capital Dhaka. Many speakers at this event openly supported Pakistan and also demanded that Mohammad Ali Jinnah shall be declared as the Father of Nation of Bangladesh along with Pakistan. Their argument was that had Pakistan been not formed, Bangladesh also would not have come into existence. The interesting thing is that in this function, the Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan in Bangladesh Kamran Dhangal was specially invited. This function was organised at the behest of Salimullah Academy. Salimullah had laid the foundation for Muslim League in 1906. The surprising thing is that all the speakers at the meeting had delivered their speech in Urdu instead of Bangla.

It is to be noted that though Bangladesh got freed from the clutches of Pakistan in 1971, the foundation for a free Bangladesh was laid in 1952 itself. That time Mohammad Ali Jinnah had declared from the premises of Dhaka University that the sole official language of Pakistan will be Urdu. Whereas that time the representation of Bangla-speaking people

among the total population of Pakistan was 56 percent. Whereas, Urdu-speaking people were only 10 percent. In protest against this statement of Jinnah, massive protests had taken place in the then Eastern Pakistan. Following this, the Pakistan government had announced to grant recognition to Bangla language along with Urdu. Massive political changes are taking place in Bangladesh following the end of the rule of Sheikh Hasina. At the behest of the new administration that has come to power in the country, not only the statues of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujiburrahman were destroyed, instead a new wave of sympathy is being created in Bangladesh for Jinnah and Pakistan. A formal campaign has been launched to bring about a change in the mindset of the Bengali people. Recently, the Army chief of Bangladesh had announced that the Army would continue to support the current Mohammad Yunus government in Bangladesh. A few days ago, discussions took place between Bangladesh Prime Minister Mohammad Yunus and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Following this, the two leaders, while addressing a press conference, claimed that now a new chapter of friendship will begin between Bangladesh and Pakistan.

**Urdu Times** (September 27) states that the new government in Bangladesh had



directed the women soldiers in the country to wear hijab. The government has also

incorporated hijab into their military uniform. It is worth mentioning that it was announced in 2000 that women would be recruited to the Bangladesh Army. That time a ban was imposed on women from wearing hijab. The Army headquarters in Bangladesh had even prepared the colour and size of the cloth meant for hijab. Even today women in Bangladesh cannot become officers in infantry and armoured corps.

## 46 people killed in Shia-Sunni clashes in Pakistan



**Avadhnama** (September 28) states that Shia-Sunni clashes have taken a fierce turn in the border province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan. Till now, 46 people have been killed in these clashes. Whereas, more than 80 people have been injured. Deputy Commissioner of Kurram district Jawed Ullah Masood has admitted that bloody clashes continue to take place between Shia-Sunni tribes. The police and the administration are trying to stop to these clashes. According to informed sources, the number of people killed in these clashes is much more than the government release. In view of the clashes, the Parichinar-Peshawar main road and the Pakistani border Kharlachi have been shut. The Pakistan government has the doubt that the terrorists based in Afghanistan are fuelling these clashes.

**Etemaad** (September 21) states that more than 12 terrorists were killed in clashes that took place between Pakistan Army and terrorists in North Waziristan. Whereas six Pakistani soldiers were also killed in this attack. As per a press release of Pakistan Army's public relations

department, the terrorists were trying to enter Pakistan from Afghanistan, which the Pakistani security forces foiled. Huge cache of modern arms and ammunition were seized from the terrorists who were killed.

**Hindustan** (September 29) reports that Pakistan's interior minister Mohsin Naqvi has claimed that the Afghan government has been providing weapons and financial aid to these terrorists. He claimed that on September 26, 2024, the Pakistani Army had shot dead eight terrorists in North Waziristan district. The identity cards recovered from them confirmed their identity as Afghan citizens. These terrorists belong to Hafiz Gul Bahadur group. The weapons recovered from them were also of foreign origin.

**Avadhnama** (September 20) states that the Permanent Representative of Pakistan in United Nations Munir Akaram alleged that the banned terrorist organisation Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan is attacking Pakistani areas from foreign territory. Of late, there has been a huge increase in their activities. He also claimed that this organisation has its links with terrorist organisations like Al Qaida. He urged countries across the world that they extend help to Pakistan to wipe out the terrorism that has been rising in the country.



## Ban on trimming beard and wearing jeans in Afghanistan



**Roznama Sahara** (September 25) states that the Taliban government in Afghanistan has ordered that no Afghan citizen can either trim his beard or wear jeans. In this order, it has also been said that the current government in Afghanistan follows Islam and the Shariah law and it is committed to

strictly implement these restrictions. The order has also made namaz and Roza fasting mandatory. All the citizens in the country have been warned that if anyone abandons the Islamic way of life and adopts the ways of infidels, then stringent legal action would be taken against him. The

action against them will be based on Shariah law, which has the provisions to impose fine, imprisonment and public lashing using cane. This apart, in Islamic Shariah, there is a provision to award *Sangsar* (stoning to death) to those accused of rape.

## Zakir Naik in Pakistan



**Siasat** (September 30) states that on the invitation of Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik reached Pakistan. He will stay in Pakistan for 20 days. During this time, he will take part in programmes organised in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi. His son Fariq Naik is also accompanying him. Talking to famous Pakistan journalist Nadir Ali, Zakir Naik said that due to his preachings, non-Muslims were accepting Islam in large numbers in India and due this campaign by him, the BJP government there got scared, and hence cases were registered against him on false charges. He claimed that nearly 50 percent of people who took part in his programmes used to be non-Muslims

and due to his *dawati* and *tablighi* missions, at least 25,000 Hindus had accepted Islam. He said that he wanted to return to Bharat, but he is afraid that the Modi government there would arrest him.

Zakir Naik said that “it is the duty of every Muslim to propagate Islam. At the time of doomsday, Allah ta’ala will ask every Muslim how many infidels did you convert as Muslims and how many events were organised for tablighi dawat. He also claimed that it is the basic Islamic duty of every Muslim to bring non-Muslims to Islam. No government has any right to interfere in it. To another question, he replied that he wanted to come to Pakistan for a long time, but he did not come to Pakistan because of the fear that the Indian government will brand him as Pakistani agent and will register more cases against him. This is the reason why he had left for Malaysia from Mecca. Zakir said that he is more interested in propagating Islam in those countries where majority of the population is non-Muslims. He said he specially wanted to go to Bangladesh and Nepal so that Islam could be propagated there.

Zakir Naik said that “majority of Indian Hindus have a strong desire to embrace Islam, because in Islam they get freedom from caste discrimination. Due to the equality in Islam, people belonging to Hindu society have been accepting Islam right from the beginning. The allegation that Islam spread in Bharat on the strength of sword or due to pressure of Islamic rulers is wrong.” He claimed he is getting all facilities on behalf of the government of

Malaysia and there he is involved in inviting non-Muslims to Islam. Zakir Naik’s son Fariq Naik said the Hinduvadi government of Modi is against his father because they have this fear that if his father is allowed to preach Islam in Bharat, then lakhs of Hindus will embrace Islam. He said we are not afraid of anyone. Dawat-e-Islam is our holy Islamic duty and we are committed to the preaching and propagation of Islam.

## Iran decides to expel 40 lakh Afghan citizens



**Roznama Sahara** (September 26) states that Iran government had announced that more than 40 lakh Afghan citizens are illegally staying in their country. These people will be send back to their own country. On the other hand, a spokesperson of Afghanistan government confirmed that an average of 3,000 Afghan citizens is returning to Afghanistan from Iran daily. Government spokesperson Abdul Gani Kazizadah alleged that the Iran government is forcefully expelling those people of Afghan origins as well who were born in Iran and are the due citizens of that country. He claimed that at the behest of

Iran government, the citizens of Afghan origin have been threatened to return to their own country within a week, otherwise stringent legal action would be taken against them.

Kazizadah alleged that the Iran government’s policy is anti-Afghan. It had threatened all the citizens in the country that if they give any building on rent to an Afghan citizen or give any job to them, the accused will be sentenced to three years in jail. After selectively taking Afghan citizens into custody, the Iran police and the military are sending them to detention camps. Kazizadah also alleged that Iranian soldiers tear-off the passports and visa of Afghan citizens so that they could prove that these Afghan citizens are illegally staying in Iran. According to Iran’s official news agency ‘IRNA,’ the number of Afghan refugees in Iran has reached 45 lakhs. These refugees had illegally entered Iran and hence it is very much necessary to expel them from the country.

## Israel eliminates top leadership of Hamas and Hezbollah



**Hindustan Express** (September 29) reports that the chief of Iran-supported terrorist organisation Hezbollah, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, was killed in Israeli attack. Israel's military spokesperson was the first to give indication about his death. Later the spokesperson of Hezbollah also confirmed his death. It is being said that when Nasrallah was killed, he was at his underground office located in Lebanon's capital Beirut. The Israeli air force targeted his office on the basis of the information provided by the agents of Israel's intelligence agency Mossad. In this attack, the Israeli air force used two dozen bombs weighing 80 tonnes. It is called bunker buster bombs which can target people hiding in underground bases and bunkers. Along with Hassan Nasrallah, his daughter Zainab was also killed.

**Hindustan** (September 29) states that Israel has so far killed 16 top commanders of Hezbollah. Initially, on July 30, Fuad Shukr was killed. He was the main operator of Hezbollah's attacks on Israel. Fuad was the senior most commander of Hezbollah and he was

considered as the main partner of Hassan Nasrallah. In 2017, the US had announced a reward of 50,000 dollars on those providing information on him. On September 20, 2024, the commander of Hezbollah's Radwan unit, Ibrahim Aqil was killed. Along with him, 15 other commanders of Hezbollah were also killed in Israeli attack. According to Hezbollah sources, Ibrahim Aqil was the second senior most commander of this organisation. He was a senior member of the Jihad Council of Hezbollah. In 1983, at the behest of Aqil, an attack was carried out on the American Embassy situated in Beirut in which 63 people were killed. In another Israeli air strike on September 24, Ibrahim Muhammad Qabisi was killed. He was the commander of the Guided Missile Unit of Hezbollah. Qabisi had joined Hezbollah in 1982. In another Israeli attack on September 26, Mohammad Surur was killed. He was the head of the drone unit of Hezbollah for the past one year. This apart, two other senior commanders of Hezbollah namely Wissam al-Tawil and Muhammad Naser were also killed.

In Lebanon, the director of Hezbollah, Taleb Abdullah was also killed by Israel. He was the head of the South Lebanon Front. This apart, the head of Hezbollah's Radwan Force, Ahmad Wahabi was also killed in Israeli attack. In Tehran, Iran military spokesperson has confirmed that the senior commander of Pasdaran-e-Inqilab (IRGC) Abbas Nilforoushan was also killed



in Israeli attack. The Iran's defence ministry has confirmed the killing of the head of Hezbollah's Southern Front Ali Karaki in an Israeli attack. Along with him, more than a dozen commanders of Hezbollah were also killed. The spokesperson of Hezbollah said that nearly 1,200 Lebanon citizens were killed in Israeli attack, which included women and children.

**Etemaad** (September 29) states that Hassan Nasrallah was born in a poor Shia family in eastern Beirut in 1960. He was considered the most powerful figure in Lebanon. At the age of 15, he joined the Shia militia organisation Islamic Amal. He received his education from Najaf city in Iraq. The Dargah of Hazrat Ali is located in Najaf. In 1992, the then chief of Hezbollah, Syed Abbas Al-Musawi, was killed in an Israeli air strike. Following this, Nasrallah was made the chief of Hezbollah. On October 7, 2023, Hamas had carried out an attack on Israel. Following this, Hezbollah also started targeting the military bases of Israel. Nasrallah had announced that until Israel stops its attack on Gaza, Hezbollah will continue to target Israel. Following the death of Nasrallah, more than a dozen Islamic nations had announced national mourning. They included Iraq, Iran, Syria, Pakistan etc.

As per another news, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said that our fight against Israel will continue. He said that no power in the world will be able to finish off Hezbollah and Hamas.

**Urdu Times** (September 30) states that Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened that there is no place where Israel can't reach. Following this threat, the security of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah was tightened. Nasrallah doesn't stay in any place for more than one day. He had gone to Beirut to take part in a meeting held at the headquarters of Hezbollah. He was about to leave to some other place as soon as the meeting ended when the Mossad found out his location. Soon after, the fighter jets of Israeli air force targeted Nasrallah within minutes. Spokesperson of Hezbollah said there were no injuries on the body of Hassan Nasrallah. Possibility: He died in an explosion.

It is worth mentioning that earlier Israel had assassinated Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh in Iran's capital Tehran. Haniyeh was killed when he was staying in a highly secured state guest house. He had gone to Tehran to take part in the oath-taking ceremony of the new President of Iran, Masoud Pezeshkian. Earlier on January 2, 2024, Israel had killed Hamas deputy chief and founder of Al-Qassam Brigade, Saleh al-Aurori in a drone attack. Later on July 13, in another airstrike, Israel killed senior leader of Hamas Mohammad Deif.

**Hindustan** (September 30) states that Israel had also eliminated a senior commander of Hezbollah, Nabil Kaouk.

**Hindustan Express** (September 30) states that Israel intelligence agency Mossad has been targeting its enemies in

various ways. Mossad was founded in 1949. Mossad had traced Lt Colonel Adolf Eichmann, who had killed lakhs of Jews in Nazi Germany after 25 years and he was brought from Argentina to Israel. Later he was hanged to death. In 1970, Mossad had tried to assassinate Saddam Hussain. Mossad had assassinated Palestinian commander Wadie Haddad. In 1972, during the Olympic Games held in Munich in Germany, the Palestinians had killed 11 Israeli players. In retaliation, Mossad had assassinated the representative of Palestine

Liberation Organisation Mahmoud Hamshari by triggering an explosion in telephone. In 1979, the agents of Mossad had killed the security chief of Yasser Arafat, Ali Hassan Salameh in Norway. In 2010, the agents of Mossad had killed the deputy chief of Hamas Mahmoud Al Mabhouh in a hotel in Dubai. In 2020, the agents of Mossad had killed five top nuclear scientists of Iran in order to stop the nuclear programme of Iran. Later, Iran's nuclear scientist Mohammad Fakhrizadeh was also killed. ■

## Hashem Safieddine new chief of Hezbollah



According to **Qaumi Tanzeem** (September 19), Hashem Safieddine has been declared as the new chief of Hezbollah. He is the son of the aunt of late Hassan Nasrallah. His appearance is very similar to Hassan Nasrallah. In 1994, after receiving higher religious education from the madrasa of Iran's Shia Centre Community, Safieddine was included in the governing body of Hezbollah. Till now, he has been looking after the financial matters of Hezbollah. This apart, his responsibility includes the political wing. He is counted among the trusted people of Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei. He still maintains close relationship with Iran. The marriage of his son was done with the daughter of Iranian militia Pasdaran-e-Inqilab (IRGC)'s director of foreign affairs wing Qasem Soleimani. In 2020, the US had killed Qasem Soleimani. Hashem Safieddine is

among the seven important members of the steering committee of Hezbollah. The US had included him in the list of terrorists in May 2017 and had announced a reward of one crore dollars to those who provide information on him. He had worked as an aide to Nasrallah for almost a decade. Earlier in 2008 also he was appointed as the temporary head of Hezbollah. Hashem Safieddine generally does not take part in public activities and he secretly works for Hezbollah.

Hezbollah was founded on the model of Iran's IRGC. Its foundation was laid during the civil war in Lebanon in 1982. Recently, Safieddine had said that its fight against Israel will continue until the last fighter of Hezbollah is alive. In case even one Hezbollah man dies, the second person will immediately take up the banner of Hezbollah and will move towards the goal with new determination. There is a veil of secrecy regarding his family life and residence because the leaders of Hezbollah and Iran have this fear that Israel's intelligence agency Mossad will make him the next target. Recently, he was also given the protective shield of IRGC. ■

## Pager, walkie-talkie blasts shake Lebanon



**Aurangabad Times** (September 19) states that Israel's intelligence agency Mossad had triggered simultaneous blasts in the pagers being used by the fighters of Hezbollah for mutual communication. At least 25 people were killed in these blasts and nearly 5,000 were injured. The Iranian Ambassador based in Lebanon, Mojtaba Amani, also became a victim of the pager blast and he lost his vision in both eyes. The pagers kept in the pockets of Hezbollah fighters started exploding like bombs in different areas of Lebanon. This was the first time that something like this happened in the history of Hezbollah. It is being said that the conspiracy to blast the pagers was devised by Israeli intelligence agency Mossad. It is being said that Mossad had started preparations for this attack nearly four years ago. Till now, the Iranian intelligence system could not find out how Israeli experts fitted explosive substances in these pagers.

Now, before Lebanon could even recover from the pager blasts, hundreds of walkie-talkies being used by Hezbollah members started exploding like bombs. Nearly 2,000 people were injured in these blasts and 45 were killed. Lebanese security agencies said that in the beginning of this year, Hezbollah had purchased nearly 5,000 pagers from an agency in Taiwan. Whereas the walkie-talkies were purchased from an agency in Austria. The interesting thing is that the agency in Taiwan claimed that they did not supply these pagers and they had stopped its

production four years ago. This was the situation with walkie-talkies as well. No foreign company is willing to accept that the walkie-talkie equipment in which the explosions took place were supplied by them. Whereas the security agencies of Lebanon claimed that these pagers did not come directly to Lebanon, because there is a total ban in Lebanon on purchase of such equipment.

**Avadhnama** (September 19) states that Hezbollah had announced that Israel would be given an unimaginable response to this act. Following the explosions, emergency was declared in entire Lebanon and more than 2,000 injured were admitted to hospitals. It is to be noted that Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah had directed his fighters in the beginning of this year that they should not use mobile phones, so that the Israeli intelligence agency won't be able to identify their location.

According to **Urdu Times** (September 20), Iranian commander Mohsen Rafighdoost said that Iran government had directed all its top officials that they do not use mobile phones for mutual communication. In this connection, the government had also constituted a high-level committee which will investigate to what extend the mobile phones in the hands of Iranian officials are secure. A top official of the intelligence wing is also a member of the committee.

**Avadhnama** (September 20) states that Hezbollah had admitted that explosions in pagers and walkie-talkies were a huge mistake of security agencies. According to New York Times, the companies which had supplied pagers and walkie-talkies to Hezbollah were set up abroad by Israeli agents a decade ago. They kept their identity under wraps. Taiwan's defence minister said that different security agencies are conducting high-level investigations in this connection.

**Roznama Sahara** (September 20) states that the chief of the company which

had supplied pagers to Hezbollah is a 49-year-old woman from Italy. This company was established in 2022 and its headquarters is in Hungarian capital Budapest. In this connection, the intelligence agencies also took into custody a Kerala-born Indian origin man and his interrogation is still on.



### **Roznama Sahara**

(September 27) states that the Taiwan government has started investigations in connection with pager explosions that took place in Lebanon. In this connection, four persons have been taken into custody so far. They belong to a company named Gold Apollo in Taiwan. It is being said this company had supplied pagers to Hezbollah.

**Roznama Sahara** (September 28) states that a man was arrested in Norway as well in connection with these explosions. The government has refused to provide more details regarding this person. It is being said that this man belongs to Bulgaria. This doubt is being expressed that the company which supplied these pagers were linked to a company in Norway, Nort Global.

**Etemaad** (September 25) in its editorial has described the blasts that took place in pagers and walkie-talkies as a dangerous indication. The newspaper said these attacks have proved that no electronic equipment is secure now. In India, the manner in which mobiles made in foreign countries are being used, it is necessary to conduct a high-level inquiry into them for their security.

**Mumbai Urdu News** (September 21) in its editorial said that Israel had

shocked the world by conducting attacks through pagers in Lebanon. The question that arises here is has the backbone of Hezbollah broken with these attacks? It would be totally wrong to claim so. The use of pagers has stopped in majority of the nations, but there are some countries where there are no internet towers at all. In such places, pagers are being used to pass on messages. The fighters of Hezbollah have been using them thinking that they were secure. Now it has become clear that anybody can hack them. The funny thing is that so far the intelligence agencies have not found which company had supplied these pagers.

**Urdu Times** (September 19) in its editorial said that the manner in which Israel had tried to conduct mass murder of the fighters of Hezbollah by exploding the pagers was a dangerous sign. Earlier it was claimed that these pagers were manufactured by Taiwan's company Gold Apollo, but now this company said they had stopped their production many years ago. Hezbollah claimed that these attacks were carried out by Israel's intelligence agency Mossad. However, Israel adopted this tactic to spread terror among the people of Lebanon.

## **US extends aid worth 8.5 billion dollars to Israel**

**Inquilab** (September 28) states that the US has announced to extend fresh military aid worth 8.5 billion dollars to Israel. This included weapons worth 3.5 billion dollars which has already been supplied to Israel. Whereas 5.25 billion dollars had been

given to strengthen the Israel Air Defence System.

**Etemaad** (September 20) states that German news agency 'DPA' has claimed that the German government has rejected the claim that Germany has banned the



export of weapons to Israel. A spokesperson of German defence ministry said the export of arms to Israel will continue. It is to be noted that in the past

few days, British news agency 'Reuters' had given the news that due to political pressure, the German government has stopped the supply of arms to Israel. As per official data, Germany had exported military equipment worth 363 million dollars last year, which when compared to 2022, was 10 times higher. Similarly, in the first eight months of this year, permission had been given to sell weapons worth only 14.5 million Euros.

## Muslim nations open front against Israel



**Avadhnama** (September 20) states that Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian, while addressing international Islamic unity meeting, appealed to Muslim nations across the world that they get united to foil the anti-Islam agenda of Israel so that a handful of Jews do not dare to commit genocide of Muslim women and children in Gaza. Quoting Quran, he said that "Allah had urged Muslims to unite for the protection of Islam. In Quran, the conspiracy to divide Muslims is described as the biggest crime." He said that 20-30 lakh Jews had killed thousands of innocent Muslims in Gaza. Not only this, they have also targeted masjids and hospitals. The Jews are getting the courage to do such activities because there is no unity among Muslims and they are fighting against each other over small things. Pezeshkian said that "it is necessary for the protection of Islam, Quran and the Prophet that Muslims

across the world get united and prepare a new action plan. They should forget all their problems and controversies and get united to take on the enemy of Islam and the community." On this occasion, Iran's supreme religious leader Syed Ali Khamenei also, while addressing the representatives of the international Islamic unity meeting, said the Jews have illegally occupied Palestine with the cooperation of European powers. Now it is trying to occupy Muslim nations like Jordan, Lebanon and Syria as well. What is needed is all Muslim nations should get united. He said that a cancer like Israel should be eliminated and anti-Muslim nation like the US should be flogged to the ground.

**Urdu Times** (September 30) states that the Speaker of Iran Parliament Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf announced that Iran will continue to extend all kinds of support and help to different groups fighting against Israel. He said that due to the manner in which the US has been extending financial aid apart from weapons to Israel, there is no possibility in sight to establish peace in the region. He said that our morale cannot be destroyed due to the killing of the fighters of Hezbollah and Hamas. Our fight will go on till the last breath. Ghalibaf appealed to Muslim



nations in the world that they forget mutual differences and get united to face Israel.

**Urdu Times** (September 25) states that the deputy chief of Hezbollah Sheikh Naim Qassem said that for now we will not make any public announcement about our next step towards Israel. We will continue to take revenge against Israel for our 'martyrs.' Naim said that our support to Gaza and Lebanon will continue. Israel's threats cannot suppress Hezbollah. We will continue to fight against Israel till the last man and Israel will have to bear dangerous consequences, which the Jews will remember for generations. He appealed to Muslims that they forget mutual differences and get united and destroy all evil intentions of Israel.

**Etemaad** (September 24) states that Iran's foreign affairs minister Saeed Abbas Araghchi said that Iran is keeping a close eye on the actions of Israel and we will give a befitting reply to Israel. He said that the situation in the entire region is turning dangerous day by day. The world will have to unitedly take action to stop the aggressive intentions of Israel. He expressed sadness that till now majority of the nations in the world are silently

watching the offensive actions of Israel. This is a threat to world peace.

**Aurangabad Times** (September 30) states that Russia's foreign affairs minister, while addressing the United Nations Security Council, said that today the Middle-East is heading towards a major war. Some people want the war to spread in the entire region. It is necessary that the nations in the world take efforts now itself to prevent a possible war. If the situation goes out of control, it would not be possible to stop the world war. The Russian foreign affairs minister, while condemning the indiscriminate attack on Lebanon, said that ordinary citizens are becoming the target of these attacks and more than 40,000 people have been killed. He said that nations across the world should unite and take credible efforts to stop this genocide. China's foreign affairs minister Wang Yi said that for the past one year, Israel has unleashed a war in Palestine and the war is being expanded as well. In such a situation, some credible steps should be taken to stop this war and two independent nations should be established in this region. China wants peace and development in the Middle-East.

## Terrorist attack at military training centre in Mali

**Inqilab** (September 21) states that 70 people were killed and more than 250 people injured in an attack carried out by Islamic terrorist organisation Al Qaida at a military police training camp and airport in Bamako, the capital of Africa's Islamic country Mali. After the attack, the assailants looted huge cache of weapons and ammunition from the training centre. An Islamic terrorist organisation named Jamat Nusrat Al-Islam Wal-Muslimeen (JNIM) has claimed responsibility for this attack. This organisation claims to be the local wing of Al-Qaida. The Al Qaida has made a video of this attack viral on social media, which shows the terrorists destroying an aircraft and dancing on the bodies of the soldiers




who were killed. This attack took place in a military training academy located on the borders of Mali, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. Currently, a military dictatorship prevails in Mali, which the Islamic terrorists are opposing. A civil war is on this country for the past two years.

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- Islamic resistance or context of social exploitation?



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