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Summary

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced in the state Assembly that the state government has decided to strictly implement the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950. The law empowers the district magistrate to expel from the state if a suspected individual is of foreign nationality. For this, the government does not need to go to tribunals. Sarma stated that this campaign has been launched to protect Assam from Pakistani and Bangladeshi infiltrators. He said that recently 330 illegal infiltrators have been pushed back across the Bangladesh border. The chief minister clarified that even if the names of suspected foreigners are included in the National Register of Citizens (NRC), they would still be expelled from the state. Opposition parties say that the state government is persecuting Indian Muslims on the pretext of taking action against foreigners.

The US think tank, Pew Research Center, revealed in its report that Islam is spreading rapidly in the world. If this trend continues, Islam would become the largest religion in the world in the next three decades. According to the latest Pew Research report, the Muslim population in the world increased by 21 per cent between 2010 and 2020. Currently, Muslims constitute 26 per cent of the world's population. On the other hand, people are rapidly becoming disillusioned with Christianity. People are leaving Christianity and becoming atheists. Currently, Christians have the largest population in the world. Muslims are in second place. The report also claims that if one Christian is born in the world, three persons leave Christianity. The report also mentions the declining population of Hindus and Buddhists. The Hindu population has declined by 0.1 per cent. In 2010, the Hindu population in the world was 15 per cent, which has now decreased to 14.9 per cent.

A terrifying war is going on between Israel and Iran in West Asia. Israel claims that Iran was planning to attack it by developing its nuclear bomb, which is why Israel had to take military action against Iran for its existence. Earlier, Israel had eliminated the top leadership of Hezbollah and Hamas. Now it has killed nine top officials of the Iranian army in a single attack. Israel has also killed six top Iranian nuclear scientists. In retaliation, Iran is continuously attacking Tel Aviv, a major city in Israel, with missiles. US President Donald Trump has asked Iran to negotiate a ceasefire to prevent the situation from worsening. The most serious thing is that several countries including North Korea, China, Pakistan, and Russia have declared their support for Iran, increasing the fear of a third World War.



Drive to expel pro-Pakistan elements from Assam



Inquilab (June 13) states that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced in the state Assembly that a 'pushback' campaign is being held against suspected foreigners under the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950. The state government has decided that the district magistrate will expel from the state any person whose citizenship is found to be suspicious. For this, the government does not even need to approach foreigners' tribunal. The chief minister stated that the law has a complete system for expelling suspected foreigners from the country. He said in recent days, 330 foreigners have been pushed back to the Bangladesh border. Chief Minister Sarma said the Supreme Court had delivered a judgment in this regard in October 2024. The court in its verdict had upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act.

Himanta Biswa Sarma said the Supreme Court, in its judgment, upheld the 1950 law and stated that if any district magistrate feels that the citizenship of anyone residing in the state is doubtful, he/she can be expelled from the country. This implies that the government does not need to go to tribunals to expel foreigners. The chief minister refuted the Opposition allegation that the state government is declaring Indian citizens as foreigners and

expelling them from the country. He said the campaign to expel foreigners needs to be intensified because a large number of Pakistan-backed elements and Bangladeshi fundamentalists have entered our state. Sarma said that deportation will now be a reality, even if their names are in the NRC. Several opposition MLAs in the Assam Assembly, including Leader of Opposition Debabrata Saikia, AIUDF MLA Ashraf Hussain, and Congress MLA Zakir Hussain Sikdar, criticised chief minister Sarma's announcement. They asked on what basis would the district magistrate identify foreigners.

Inquilab (June 11) said the Bangladesh government is not allowing these victims to enter their country, and hence they are guarding the border. The Assam government has formulated a plan to declare 30,000 people as foreigners and expel them from the state. These Bengali-speaking Muslims have been living in Assam for decades. Their only crime is that they are Muslims.

Roznama Sahara (June 13) has strongly criticised Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in its editorial. The newspaper has alleged that the chief minister is inciting communalism for political gains. The campaign he has launched under the guise of the 1950 law is not against foreign nationals, but against



every Muslim. The way Sarma presented the case of expulsion of 330 alleged foreign nationals from the state in the Assembly makes it clear that this matter is not merely out of a sense of revenge, but its objective is to gain long-term political advantage. The matter of expulsion of foreign nationals is pending in the Supreme Court. In such a situation, forcibly expelling teachers who have been working in government schools of the state for years by declaring them Bangladeshi is deplorable and shameful for any civilized society. Sarma's Muslim animosity is part of a well-thought-out strategy. This is a crude display of BJP's Hindutva politics.

The newspaper stated that in recent years, the bulldozer culture is being promoted in Assam on the lines of Uttar Pradesh. Under this, houses of poor Muslims, who have been living in the state for decades, are being flattened without serving any notice on them.

Bangla-speaking Muslims are being declared Bangladeshis and forcibly expelled from the country. This heinous

tactic is leading Assam towards a dangerous ethnic conflict. In the future, this could shatter the unity of the entire country. Where is this country headed after all? Would millions of Indian Muslims be declared foreigners and driven out of their homeland just to win elections and save seats? If this trend continues, not only Assam but the entire country could fall victim to a horrific linguistic and religious civil war.

Inquilab (June 12) stated that under the patronage of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, thousands of Muslims residing in this country are being declared foreigners and evicted from their homes. Under this campaign, more than 300 Assamese Muslims have already been pushed to the Bangladesh border. This action is ongoing. The greatest tragedy is that no one in the country has raised their voice against this tyranny till date. It feels as if Sarma has been handed over the reins of Assam to rid the state of Muslims. The newspaper stated that Bangla-speaking Muslims have been living in Assam for centuries. They are being evicted from their homes for the fulfilment of political interests. The most deplorable thing is that these unfortunate Muslims, owing to their poverty, cannot even challenge this fraud of the state government in courts and are forcibly expelled from the country like sheep and goats.

Congress accused of breaching its promises to Muslims in Telangana

According to **Inquilab** (June 11), Muslim thinker Professor Akhtarul Wase has criticised the non-inclusion of any Muslim in the Telangana cabinet. He stated that the Congress came to power in Telangana only with the support of Muslims. He alleged that the state's Congress chief minister Revanth Reddy is connected to the BJP government at the Centre. It appears that he did not include any Muslim in his cabinet under pressure from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Wase has demanded that

the Congress high command instruct the Telangana government to ensure Muslims get their rightful share.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 16) stated that after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014, Telangana was formed as a separate state. The Muslim population in this region is approximately 13 per cent. The Congress had made many promises to Muslims during its election campaign, but after coming to power, it changed its stance. There has been a significant cut in



the development funds allocated for minorities in the state budget. The Congress had also promised that if it came to power, it would fully pay the tuition fees of Muslims under the post-matric scholarship scheme. In the 2024-25 budget, Rs 300 crores were allocated for Muslim students, but only Rs 41.86 crores have been spent from it. The then K Chandrashekhara Rao government had started the 'Shaadi Mubarak Scheme'. Under this scheme, an announcement was made that families of poor Muslim girls at the time of marriage would be provided an assistance of Rs 1.11 lakh, but after coming to power, the Congress government put this scheme on hold. The promise of providing 12 per cent reservation to Muslims was also not fulfilled.

It is surprising that when Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was asked in this context, he did not even consider it appropriate to answer. This clearly shows that Congress is also following BJP's anti-Muslim policies. However, the Congress high command and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy himself have admitted that their party came to power with the support of Muslims. Rahul Gandhi had announced that Muslims would be given representation in the state cabinet in proportion to their population. From this perspective, there should have been at least two Muslim ministers in the state cabinet, but not a single Muslim was made a minister. The newspaper has said that injustice to Muslims can prove very costly for Congress. Congress should know that K Chandrashekhara Rao, who was in power for 10 consecutive years, lost power

because he had cheated and betrayed the Muslims. The Congress must remember that if Muslims can bring it to power, then they can also bring down the government.

Siasat (June 15) stated in its editorial that Muslim voters had a tremendous contribution in bringing the Congress to power, but it betrayed the Muslims and did not fulfil a single promise

made to them. This is the first time in Telangana or undivided Andhra Pradesh that not a single Muslim is included in the state cabinet. However, the Congress government in Andhra Pradesh always had three Muslim ministers. Chandrashekhara Rao's government had two Muslim ministers. One of those Muslim ministers was given the status of deputy chief minister and was given the home ministry and revenue ministry. The Muslims of the state had trusted Rahul Gandhi's promises. It is surprising that the Congress did not even make any Muslim an MLC.

Munsif (June 10), in its editorial, alleged that the Congress high command did not fulfil the promises made to the Muslims of the state before the elections. The number of MLAs in Telangana is 119. According to the amendment made in the Indian Constitution, the state cabinet can include 18 members, including the chief minister. It is surprising that there are still three vacant seats in the cabinet, but still no Muslim has been included in it. Although not a single Muslim MLA of the Congress was elected in the 2023 Assembly elections, the state government could have included Muslims in the cabinet by nominating them to the Legislative Council. It is noteworthy that Aamir Ali Khan is a member of the Legislative Council, but he has also not been included in the cabinet. This sends a message to the Muslim community across the country that the Congress, like the BJP, is also pursuing anti-Muslim policies. If the Congress does not change its stance, it may have to face dire consequences across the country.

Row over dismissal of Muslim employees of temple



According to **Inquilab** (June 17), the famous Shani Shingnapur Temple Trust located in Ahilyanagar district of Maharashtra has dismissed 167 employees working in the temple on charges of indiscipline and irregularities. Among the dismissed employees, 114 are Muslim. It is said that Hindu organisations had been aggressively protesting against the appointment of Muslim employees in this temple for the past few months. This dispute started in May when a video went viral on social media. This video showed Muslims working in the temple. After this, the dispute escalated.

‘Hindu Dharma Raksha March’ was announced under the leadership of Sangram Jagtap, MLA of the Nationalist Congress Party. Jagtap told reporters that Shani Shingnapur Devasthan is a temple of Hindu religion. Its management had recently appointed 118 Muslim employees in this temple, which is completely wrong. After this march, the Shri Shaneshwar Devasthan Trust decided in a meeting that the employees recruited in January should be dismissed. In the meeting on June 8, the Trust decided to dismiss 99 employees. The next day, the number of employees to be dismissed was increased to 167.

G K Darandale, chief executive officer of Shri Shaneshwar Devasthan Trust, stated that no employee has been dismissed on the basis of religion or caste.

The dismissed employees also include Hindus. He said that 2,464 employees are working in the temple trust, but only 900 of them come to work. Keeping this in mind, the temple trust has decided to reduce the number of employees. It is noteworthy that the Shani Shingnapur Temple is the country’s largest temple dedicated to Shani Devta. Until recently, women were not allowed to enter this temple, but due to the agitation of women’s organisations, women have now been given the right to enter and worship in this temple. In the town where this temple is located, no locks are placed on the doors of any shop or house. This tradition has been going on for a thousand years. It is believed that Shani Devta is a dispenser of justice and protects his devotees from theft and crimes. The trust of this temple was formed in 1963. This temple has immense property, which includes several gardens, orchards, *gaushalas* (cow shelters), and agricultural land. More than 2,500 employees work here.

According to **Hindustan** (June 16), Samajwadi Party MLA Rais Shaikh has condemned the dismissal of 114 Muslim employees working in the temple area on religious grounds and called it an illegal act. Condemning the Mahayuti government of Maharashtra, he said that on one hand, the government claims to be secular. On the other hand, it is deliberately targeting

them. They have called this decision a stain on the Mahayuti government. They alleged that the Muslim employees who were dismissed were not involved in temple rituals, but were employed in departments like waste management, agriculture, and administration. Sheikh said the Nationalist Congress Party has the most Muslim MLAs in the Maharashtra Assembly. The ministry of minority affairs is also with this party. Despite this, Muslims are being targeted with religious hatred.

Munsif (June 18) in its editorial has condemned the increasing religious hatred against Muslims in Maharashtra. The newspaper stated that the ruling party is deliberately spreading poisonous propaganda against Muslims. Recently,



Muslim traders were harassed during Eid in Maharashtra, and various restrictions were imposed on sacrifice. Now, Muslim employees who have been working in Shani Mandir for decades have been selectively dismissed on the basis of religion.

Return of Indian citizens trapped in Iran



Roznama Sahara (June 18), states that in view of the horrific war that has started between Israel and Iran, the Indian government has launched an operation to safely evacuate Indian students and citizens from Iran. They are being brought to India via Armenia. According to the newspaper, more than 10,000 Indian citizens are currently stranded in Iran, including nearly 2,000 students. Most of these students are from Jammu and Kashmir. The parents of these students had requested the Indian government to take steps to safely bring back the students stranded in Iran. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah had also requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take immediate action to safely bring back these students. As per the information received, students from Jammu and Kashmir are living in the Urmia region of Iran, where they are studying medicine. Meanwhile, students of Islamic education are studying in Qom, which is the world's second-largest centre for Islamic education. Additionally, many students are also studying in Mashhad and Isfahan.

Considering the deteriorating situation in Iran, the Indian government has established two control centres to safely

bring back Indian citizens from Iran. These centres will work 24 hours a day. These centres have been set up at the Ministry of External Affairs in Delhi and the Indian embassy in Tehran. According to the newspaper, about 30 students have reached Srinagar. Mohammad Shafi Bhat, a resident of Anantnag, told reporters that his daughter was studying MBBS at Urmia University and has now returned home. Indian citizens are being brought by buses to the Norduz checkpoint on the Armenian

border. A spokesperson for the Iranian ministry of foreign affairs stated that all airports in Iran are closed, but roads are open. Foreign nationals who wish to leave Iran must provide their names, passport numbers, and vehicle-related information to the protocol department of Iran so that their safe journey can be arranged. A spokesperson for the ministry of external affairs in New Delhi said that all necessary arrangements have been made to safely bring Indian citizens back home from Iran.

Two students arrested on charges of spreading religious hatred in UP



Urdu Times (June 17), states that Bareilly Kotwali police have arrested two students on charges of spreading religious hatred. They are said to be associated with an extremist organisation, Haidari Dal. A senior police officer stated that medical student Jaish Ahmed and engineering student Shanu have been arrested. They are accused of disseminating objectionable and communally inciting material on social media. Reports claim this radical organisation was recently formed. Jaish Ahmed was allegedly inciting Muslim youths to participate in anti-national activities. The intelligence department is investigating this entire network.

According to the police, Dr Jaish Ahmed, a resident of Baradari in the

district, is a student of a private homoeopathic college and also runs a clinic near his home. This clinic is used for meetings of the Haidari Dal. On the other hand, Shanu, a resident of Baheri, is a computer science student of a private university. Police investigation revealed that Shanu had created a page on Instagram by the name of Haidari Dal. Objectionable and religiously hateful content was being broadcast on this page.

It is noteworthy that during Eid al-Adha, some Muslim youths misbehaved with women by asking their names, religion, and addresses. Videos made during this time were posted on Instagram and went viral. After the videos went viral, the police took action, and on June 8, Kotwali police registered a case and arrested Shahbaz Raza alias Sufiyan and Sameer Raza, residents of Mallpur Bhuta, and sent them to jail. The superintendent of police stated that Mufti Khalid, a resident of Puranpur, and Riyazuddin, a resident of Faridpur, are still absconding in this case. Police teams are searching for them. An investigation is also underway into those who provided financial assistance to Haidari Dal.

21% increase in world Muslim population

Pew Research Center



Aurangabad Times (June 11), states that a report from the US think tank Pew Research Center revealed that Islam has become the fastest-growing religion in the world. Between 2010 and 2020, the global Muslim population increased by 21 per cent, while the Hindu population decreased by 0.1 per cent. In 2010, the global Muslim population was 170 crore (1.7 billion), which rose to 200 crore (2 billion) by 2020.

In contrast, the global population only increased by 10 per cent during this period. Thus, the growth rate of the Muslim population is double that of other religions. According to *ABP News*, one in every four people in the world is now a Muslim, meaning Muslims constitute 26 per cent of the world's population. On the other hand, the non-Muslim population increased by only 9.7 per cent. In 2010, Hindus accounted for 15 per cent of the world's population, which decreased to 14.9 per cent by 2020.

According to the Pew Research Center report, the largest Muslim population during this period increased in the US. Here, the Muslim population has increased by 52 per cent. The total Muslim population in the US is 59 lakh. Talking about the increase in Muslim population in different parts of the world, between 2010 and 2020, the Muslim population in the sub-Saharan Africa region increased by 34

per cent. In this region, Muslim religious centres are very active. Due to their preaching, a large number of followers of Christianity and other religions have become Muslims. In the Asia-Pacific region, the Muslim population is 26 per cent. In this region, the Muslim population has increased by 1.4 per cent. The largest number of Muslims live here. This region includes Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. Meanwhile, in Europe, due to immigration, the Muslim population has registered a growth rate of 0.7 per cent.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 12) reports that when a Christian is born in the world, three persons leave Christianity. According to a Pew Research report, if this trend continues, the world's largest population will be Muslim in the next three decades. This report revealed that in 2010, the global Christian population was 2.2 billion, which increased to 2.38 billion in 2020, but their share in the global population decreased by 1.8 per cent.

According to the report, in the last decade, the global Muslim population increased by 347 million. The report states that the birth rate among Muslims is much higher compared to other religions, while the death rate is higher than the birth rate in other religions. The non-Christian population is consistently increasing in

Europe, the US, Australia, and New Zealand. The population of those who do not believe in any religion worldwide has increased to 24 per cent, which is the third largest group after Christians and Muslims. In the US, this proportion is up to 30.2 per cent.

The highest number of people who do not believe in any religion are in China, an estimated 1.3 billion. In the US, their number is 101 million, whereas in Japan, their number is 73 million.

The report also researched the religious inclination of adult people in 117 countries of the world. According to this research, in countries where the level of education and social development is higher, the number of people leaving Christianity is the highest. Meanwhile, between 2010 and 2020, the number of followers of Buddhism declined by 19 million.



Buddhism is the only religion whose number of followers is continuously declining. A large number of people in East Asia are renouncing Buddhism.

According to **Urdu Times** (June 12), one reason for the spread of Islam is also that Muslim organisations are paying more attention to the teachings of Islam and the Quran. They are running a planned campaign so that more and more people adopt Islam by studying the Quran.

Terrorist conspiracy to eliminate Afghan cabinet



Urdu Times (June 14), reports that based on information from a US intelligence officer, the Afghan intelligence department raided a building near Kabul airport. During the raid, terrorists hiding in the building opened fire on Afghan soldiers. In this gunfire, one Afghan soldier was killed and six were wounded. In retaliation, three terrorists were also killed. They are said to be affiliated to ISIS Khorasan chapter. It is said that ISIS had planned to eliminate the entire cabinet of Afghanistan. For this, landmines were laid and suicide vests were

being prepared. An Afghan military official claimed that the terrorists rented a luxurious bungalow in the city area, only a short distance from Kabul airport. The tenants claimed that they were businessmen and belonged to a large business group.

Earlier, the Russian intelligence agency had also warned the Afghan government that the Sunni terrorist organisation, ISIS, was planning to eliminate the entire Afghan cabinet. For this, nearly 20 suicide bombers have also been trained. Russian sources claimed that explosives and other equipment were sent to Afghanistan from a neighbouring country. Moreover, a large number of landmines and missiles have also been sent across the country for serial bomb blasts. US sources had also informed that ISIS is preparing to blow up the Directorate General of Intelligence of the Afghan government as well.

A spokesperson for the Afghan government claimed that some terrorists were also caught alive from this base. Security agencies are interrogating them. The director-general of Afghanistan's intelligence told the media that as per the information received from foreign sources, this luxurious bungalow had been under surveillance for a week. When it was confirmed that ISIS had finalised the plan

to kill the entire cabinet members of Afghanistan, this bungalow was raided. Exchange of fire continued for four hours. Some terrorists were killed in this firing. He said that a large cache of weapons was also seized from this bungalow. In addition, a large amount of US dollars and Afghan currency were also seized from there. Efforts are being made to find clues about the foreign contacts of the terrorists.

BLA's attack on Pakistan army

Hindustan (June 14) reports that the active rebel organisation, Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), has claimed responsibility for an attack on the Pakistani army's surveillance system in the Zardaloo area of Harnai district in Balochistan. The devices installed at this centre were used to monitor the activities of Baloch fighters. A BLA spokesperson claimed that in the past week, more than a dozen Pakistani military outposts have been attacked. In these attacks, 40 Pakistani soldiers have been killed. According to another report, the BLA attacked three Pakistani army positions in the Johan area of Kalat with rockets and heavy weapons. Six Pakistani soldiers were killed in this attack. The BLA has announced that the series of these attacks will continue until Balochistan becomes independent.



Hindustan (June 15), reports that the human rights department of the Baloch National Movement stated in its monthly report that in the past month, the Pakistani army and intelligence agencies abducted 128 Baloch activists. They were then kept at unknown locations. Nearly 32 people were abducted in Gwadar, while 27 in Kech, 10 in Karachi, 9 in Awaran, 8 in Quetta, 7 each in Panjgur and Mastung, 5 in Chaghi, 6 in Nushki, 4 in Dera Bugti, and three persons each were abducted in Musakhel, Kalat, and Khuzdar. Later, the bodies of 15 of these people were recovered from various locations. Moreover, during this period, the Pakistani army abducted and hanged a dozen Baloch activists. Three other persons were killed in

encounters. This organization has alleged in its report that the Pakistani army is openly violating human rights and specifically targeting civilians, students, journalists, and government employees.

Urdu Times (June 9), reports that a new law has recently been passed in the Balochistan Assembly. According to this law, the army, police, and security agencies can arrest any suspicious person without a warrant. Suspects can be held in custody for 90 days without being presented in any court. Ten detention centres have been built to house the arrested individuals. Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has claimed that this new law will help curb the rising terrorism in the province. Now this new law will remain in force in Balochistan for the next six years. Massive protests have taken place in Quetta against this black law.

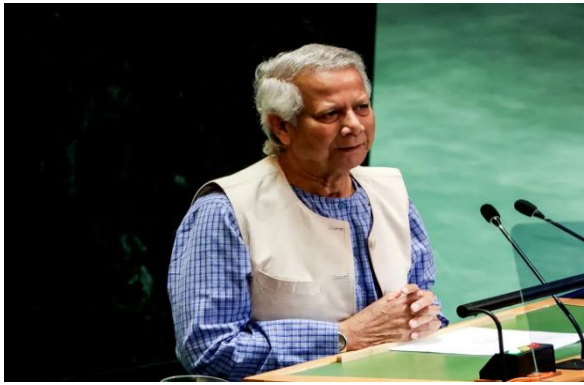
Hindustan (June 15), reports that the Balochistan High Court has rejected the petition filed against the arrest of Baloch leader Dr Mehrang Baloch. On March 22, Dr Mehrang Baloch, head of the Baloch Yakjeti Committee, along with 200 Baloch activists, were arrested on charges of

attacking the Quetta Civil Hospital and inciting people to violence. Mehrang's sister, Nadia Baloch, had challenged her arrest in the high court. Now the high court's decision will be challenged in the Supreme Court.

Hindustan Express (June 14) states that a letter from Dr Mehrang Baloch, who is imprisoned in Quetta's Huda Jail, has

been published in the US magazine, *Time*. In this letter, Mehrang has alleged that the Pakistani army has illegally detained them for raising their voice against the violation of human rights of Balochs. He claimed that the Pakistan government has failed to present any solid evidence against them in court. Mehrang has said that "we are fighting for the rights of our people".

Announcement to hold elections in Bangladesh



According to **Hindustan** (June 12), chief adviser of Bangladesh's interim government, Muhammad Yunus, addressed the people of Bangladesh on radio and said that elections could be held in the country by April 2026. He said that it is our responsibility to rebuild Bangladesh. For this, it is necessary to hold free and fair elections in the country so that political violence, corruption, and misgovernance can be eliminated. He said that it was their responsibility to bring to justice the killers of those who were killed during Sheikh Hasina's tenure. Yunus said that the new government is considering various suggestions with the aim of reforming the electoral system. He said that the Election Commission has been instructed to create a suitable environment for holding new elections in the country by consulting various political parties.

Chattan (June 11) states that observers believe that it is not possible to prepare a new Constitution for Bangladesh in such a short period. Former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Khaleda Zia, has expressed disappointment at Muhammad

Yunus's announcement. Meanwhile, Saddam Hussain, president of the Bangladesh Chhatra League, has strongly criticised the Muhammad Yunus government's relations with Pakistan. He said that it was completely against the spirit of the 1971 Liberation War. He alleged that the Muhammad Yunus government is encouraging Pakistani intelligence agencies to interfere in Bangladesh's affairs. Hussain said that the ban on pro-

Pakistan organisations like Jamaat-e-Islami has been lifted and they are being given a free hand to spread violence in the country.

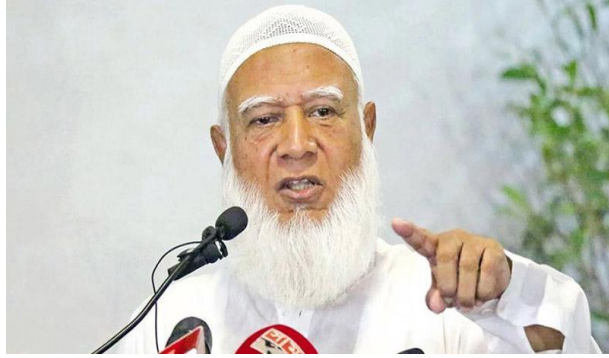
However, Jamaat-e-Islami has supported Pakistani dictators from the very beginning. They have alleged that after the new government came to power, there has been a huge increase in incidents of violence against minorities, especially Hindus. Since August 5, 2024, more than 2,000 violent incidents against minorities have been reported in police stations. The new government of Bangladesh is deliberately destroying the history of the country and its related monuments. Saddam Hussein has demanded that the ban imposed by the Yunus government on the Awami League's participation in the elections be immediately lifted.

Various political parties in Bangladesh have expressed doubt over the possibility of holding general elections in the country by April 2026 in the current situation, as it is not possible to prepare voter lists and re-demarcate constituencies in such a short time. They also say that Mohammad Yunus did not consult any

political party while deciding on the election dates.

Zubaida Nasreen, head of the political science department of Dhaka University says that the most essential point is that the elections should be fair and all political parties should have the opportunity to participate in them. He said that if any political party is excluded from these elections due to bias, it will create serious problems for peace and order in the country. He stated that the two consultants appointed to prepare for the elections in the country cannot be called impartial. Hence they should be removed from their positions.

Addressing a public gathering in Moulvibazar, Jamaat-e-Islami's Ameer Shafiqur Rahman said that in the current situation, there are many obstacles to conducting fair and independent elections



in this country. No political party wants any kind of rigging in the elections, as it can lead to anarchy in the country. Professor Mohammad Saiful Alam Chowdhury of Dhaka University, in a conversation with the BBC, said the current government has so far failed to maintain peace and order in the country. Leaders of the National Citizen Party have alleged that the current government is dancing to the tunes of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

Case filed against accused over attack on Jews in US

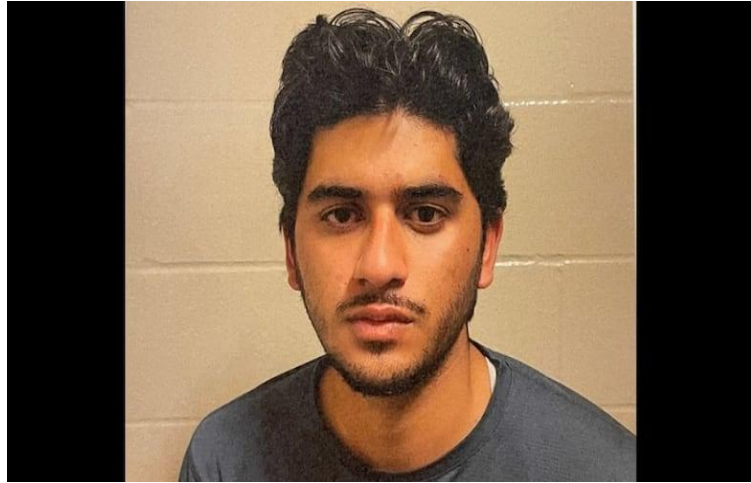


Avadhnama (June 6) reports that a 45-year-old Muslim, Mohamed Sabri Soliman, of Egyptian origin, who threw firebombs at a Jewish event in the US state of Colorado, has been charged in court. The number of Jews injured in this attack has gone up to 25. Moreover, Mohamed Soliman has also

been accused of creating an atmosphere of hatred against Jews.

According to the public prosecutor, Mohamed Soliman is an Egyptian citizen and shouted slogans of 'Free Palestine' while throwing firebombs at the crowd gathered at the Jewish ceremony. The

attacker is associated with a Palestinian organisation. It is about the US role in the Israeli attack on Gaza. Mohammed Soliman went to the US on a tourist visa in 2022, which eventually expired. But he kept living illegally in the US. The police also took his wife and five children into custody. The US government wanted to deport Soliman's family from the US, but a pro-



Palestinian organisation challenged this government decision in court. The court put a stay on the deportation of Mohammed Soliman's family from the US.

Chattan (June 12) reports that a 20-year-old Pakistani national, Mohammad Shahzeb Khan, has been extradited from Canada to the United States. It is reported that Shahzeb Khan planned an attack on a Jewish centre located in Brooklyn, New York. FBI director Kash Patel stated that Shahzeb Khan is associated with the Islamic terrorist organisation, ISIS. Their goal was to kill as many Jews as possible. Shahzeb was arrested in September 2024 in Orstown, 19 km from the US-Canada border. He is currently undergoing extensive interrogation.

According to **Etemaad** (June 6), US President Donald Trump has banned nationals of a dozen countries, including Iran, Afghanistan and Yemen, from

entering the US. According to a report by the French news agency, AFP, Trump took this step after the attack on Jews in Colorado. A White House spokesperson said the flames of hatred against Jews is being fuelled in the US. Considering that, President Trump has imposed a complete ban on the entry of citizens of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, Congo, Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen into the US.

Moreover, a partial ban has been imposed on citizens of seven other countries. These include Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela. This decision of the government has been implemented from June 9. Trump had banned the entry of citizens of seven Muslim countries into the US during his first term. In 2021, the erstwhile US President Joe Biden had revoked it.

Terrible war between Israel and Iran



Avadhnama (June 14) states that Israel carried out massive attacks on Iran's capital Tehran and at Iranian military bases. A spokesperson of Israeli military claimed that these airstrikes mainly targeted Iran's military bases and Uranium enrichment centres so that the nuclear power of Iran could be crippled. In these Israeli attacks, at least nine top military commanders of Iran were killed on the first day itself. Those who were killed include Iran's army chief Major General Mohammad Bagheri, chief of Pasdaran-e-Inqilab (IRGC) Hossein Salami, Air Force commander Amir Ali Hajizadeh, Vice-Chief of Iranian military, General Gholam Ali Rashid, IRGC's intelligence chief Mohammad Kazemi, deputy intelligence chief of armed forces Gholamreza Mehrabi, General Mehdi Rabbani, General Davoud Sheikhian and Hassan Mohaqeq. This apart, Israel also killed six prominent nuclear scientists of Iran. They include Fereydoun Abbasi, Mohammad Mehdi Tehranchi, Abdul Hamid Minouchehr, Ahmed Reza Zolfaghari, Syed Amirhossein Feqhi and Motbalezadeh. The Iranian government has also confirmed their deaths.

The Iran government claimed that in retaliation for these attacks, it targeted Israeli city Tel Aviv and other military bases using ballistic missiles. Iran fired more than 2,000 ballistic missiles on Israel

on the first day itself. Spokesperson of Israeli Defence Forces Brigadier General Effie Defrin claimed that Israel's security system had destroyed all the ballistic missiles before they reached their intended target. The spokesperson said that more than 200 fighter planes of Israel were continuously targeting Iran. The Israeli spokesperson claimed that Iran was about to attack Israel and this step was taken in order to stop their possible attack.

Following the Israeli attack, Iran unfurled a red flag at Jamkaran Masjid in Qom city as a symbolic retaliation. This flag is a symbol of martyrdom of Imam Hussain in Karbala. It has been written on the flag, "Take revenge for the blood of Hussain." Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said that we will punish Israel in such a way that its future generations will remember it.

Avadhnama (June 15) states that Iran has announced the successors of its military officials who were killed in the Israeli attack. Major General Abdul Rahim Mosavi has been appointed as the new Army chief of Iran. Whereas Major General Mohammad Pakpour has been appointed as the chief of IRGC. Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while describing the Israeli action as appropriate, said the step has been taken to protect the existence of Israel. This action will

continue until the threat of destruction of Israel by Iran is not completely eliminated.

A spokesperson of Iranian foreign ministry said that after the Israeli attack on Iran, there is no point in continuing negotiations with the United States. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump warned Iran to make a deal before it's too late. He said that he had given several opportunities for the deal, but they did not mind it. A military spokesperson of Israel said that Iran is very close to making the nuclear bomb. In such a situation, it is necessary that Iran should not be given the opportunity to create largescale destruction in the world. He said that Israel will take all possible efforts to ensure safety to its citizens.

As per another news, nearly 60 people were killed in the ballistic missile attack carried out by Iran on Israel. Israel closed down the Ben Gurion airport. It was also speculated that Israel had sent all its planes to some other country.

Hindustan (June 16) states that Iran claimed that it has targeted several places in Israel with more than 200 ballistic missiles. Similarly, Israel also claimed that it has attacked the gas fields in Iran. Due to this attack, the oil refineries caught fire. Israel claimed that it has targeted more than 150 bases in Iran. On the other hand, Iran claimed that its drones and missiles destroyed Israel's power systems and combat aircraft fuel supply centre. Iran's General Esmail Kowsari said that Iran is thinking of closing Strait of Hormuz. As per another news, Iran has threatened that the military bases of the three countries supporting Israel will also be targeted. This includes the US, Britain and France.

Aurangabad Times (June 15) states that the Iron Dome system has been destroyed due to the fierce bombing of Israeli cities by Iran. This apart, Iran has shot down several Israeli fighter jets and at least six of their pilots were arrested.

Siasat (June 16) states that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman held



talks with Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian and condemned the Israeli attacks. He described the Israeli attacks as an open violation of international laws. This apart, the Saudi Crown Prince also held talks with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 16) reports that Iran has warned that it would target the US military bases located in West Asia.

Etemaad (June 16) in its editorial said that Iran is the only nation in the West Asia which is taking on the US and Israel. The newspaper alleged that the aim of the United States and Israel is to overthrow the current leadership of Iran and to install their own supporters in the country. However, for them the trouble is that the anti-Khamenei forces are not united in Iran. In order to overthrow the Iran government, the foreign powers in 2022 promoted a nationwide protest in the name of 'women life freedom movement,' but they failed in their attempt. It seems the US wants to bring back Iran's deposed King Reza Pahlavi to power. The newspaper said that the US and Israel have wiped out the top leadership of Iran-supported militia groups Hezbollah and Hamas. This apart, following the collapse of the Bashar al-Assad government in Syria, Iran's strength in this region has come down drastically. The newspaper expressed sadness that Arab countries in the Gulf have become silent spectators and they are not extending any credible help to Iran.

Avadhnama (June 15) has accepted in its editorial that Iran has become



considerably week following the killing of its top military officials and scientists in Israeli attacks. Iran has been urging countries across the world for a long time to stop Israel from spilling the blood of Arabs in Gaza, but no country paid any heed to it. The newspaper said that Iran has retaliated against Israel and its ballistic missiles had destroyed Israel's military bases. This definitely indicates that Iran has enough courage to give a befitting reply to an aggressive country like Israel.

Qaumi Tanzeem (June 16) in its editorial said the world powers which are flaring up the flames of war between Iran and Israel should realise that this war will not be limited to the Middle East, instead it will engulf the whole world. The

newspaper said that Iran has destroyed Israel's widely debated Iron Dome air defence system. This has infuriated US and its allies. Their effort is to ensure that no Muslim in the world question their dominance. This is the reason why they want to cripple Iran.

Hindustan (June 15) in its editorial said that it has now become clear that the US got Israel to attack Iran to sabotage Iran's nuclear development programme. It is no secret that from the beginning, most Muslim nations in the Middle East are anti-Iran. They have this fear that Iran will take them in their clutches, hence they turned to the US to save themselves from Iran and Israel. Israel wants to destroy Muslim nations from the beginning itself and it has support from countries like US, Britain and Germany. In the 1967 Arab-Israel war, the Arab nations had suffered a huge setback. Due to this, the rulers of Arab countries had to shake hands with the US. The recent Israeli attacks on Iran were aimed at destroying Iran's nuclear capability and breaking the backbone of its military power.

Well-known journalist Sentenced to death in Saudi Arabia

Inquilab (June 17) states that a renowned journalist in Saudi Arabia, Turki al-Jasser, has been hanged to death. Jasser was arrested on charges of terrorism and treason in 2018. According to human rights activists, al-Jasser had criticised the Saudi royal family in a tweet. The Saudi intelligence wing raided the house of the journalist and seized computer and phone. Objectionable materials were found in them. According to New York-based 'Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), al-Jasser was given capital punishment because he levelled corruption charges against the royal family through social media. Whereas the



government claimed that it has been confirmed from the material seized from the computer of al-Jasser that he has closed relationship with terrorists.

CPJ claimed that a columnist of US newspaper 'The Washington Post,' Jamal



Khashoggi was also murdered at the behest of Saudi Arab rulers in 2018. He was summoned to the Saudi consulate general located in Istanbul. Following this, he went missing. Later it was found during the investigation that Khashoggi was murdered at the behest of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. It is being said

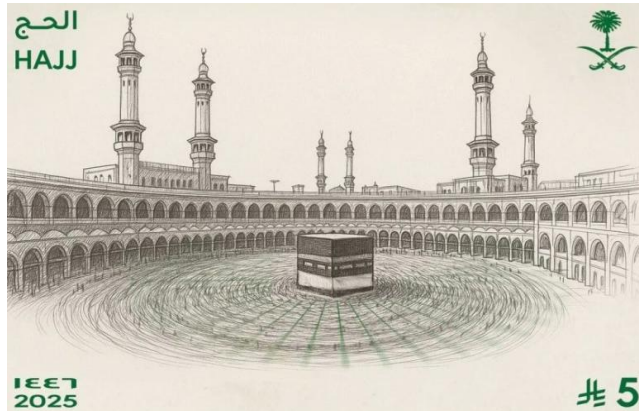
that Khashoggi through some of his articles had unraveled the scams of the ruling family in Saudi Arabia.

CPJ said that the Saudi Arabian government does not allow any journalist to work freely. Al-Jasser had ran a blog from 2013 to 2015. He had openly written about Arab Spring and on sensitive issues like corruption in his blog. It is worth mentioning that a movement was launched in 2011 to reform the governance system of the Arab world. It was given the name Arab Spring. The aim of this movement was to expose the dictatorship of Arab rulers and to bring amendments in radical Islamic laws. This apart, empowerment of women and to protect their human rights were also among the main aims of this movement.

Special stamp released on the occasion of Haj in Saudi Arabia

Aurangabad Times (June 5) states that the postal department has issued a special stamp worth three Riyals to commemorate Haj. This apart, a special postcard of five Riyals was also released. The Saudi postal department has so far released 49 special stamps related to Haj. They are about Haj-related places and other development projects. These postal stamps have huge demand across the world. Spokesperson of Haj ministry of Saudi Arabia Dr Ghassan bin Rashid al-Nwaimi said that 35 lakh people have undertaken Haj this year.

Urdu Times (June 5) states that for the first time, drones have been used to carry medicines to the Hajis being admitted in hospitals during the Haj season. Saudi Arabia's health minister Fahad bin Abdul-Rahman al-Jalajel said for the first time in the Haj season the patients admitted to hospitals have been sent medicines through drones. Generally, it takes 90 minutes to provide these medicines to the patients through road transport, but the drones took



only six minutes to reach the patients with medicines. He said this year 97 Indian Haj pilgrims died due to different reasons. The family members of the deceased have been urged to receive the bodies, but due to the request of majority of the family members, the bodies were buried in Saudi Arabia itself.

Avadhnama (June 7) states that for the first time in the history of Saudi Arabia, the US-made Patriot air defence system has been deployed near Mecca for the protection of Hajis. This apart, military helicopters have been monitoring the area

round-the-clock where the Hajis were offering the rituals related to Haj.

Siasat (June 9) states that under the Al-Sharifain programme, 2,443 prominent people from 100 countries have offered Haj as distinguished guests of the royal family. King of Saudi Arabia, Salman bin Abdul Aziz al-Saud welcomed them. The accommodation and food of these special guests were made at the expense of the government.

Inquilab (June 16) states that Saudi government has announced that those Iranian Haj pilgrims who got stranded in Saudi Arabia as flight services got cancelled due to the Israel-Iran war will be treated as royal guests of Saudi Arabia until alternative arrangements are made and



the government will make arrangements for their accommodation and food. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said they are guests of the Almighty, and hence it is our religious duty to welcome them.

12 people killed in indiscriminate firing in Yemen



Avadhnama (June 9) reports that an armed assailant had opened indiscriminate firing on namazis who were coming out after offering namaz in Al-Bayda mosque in the central region of Yemen. At least 12 people were killed in this firing. Nearly 100 people were injured. The condition of the majority of the injured was stated to be serious. It is worth mentioning that this region is under the control of Houthis. As per media reports, the attackers initially opened fire in a market and killed three persons. Later they proceeded towards the masjid and

started firing indiscriminately. The loudspeaker at the masjid was on at the time of the incident, due to which the screams of the injured echoed throughout the locality. Due to this, panic spread among the people residing in the region. The attacker was caught after nearly one-and-a-half hours. Government sources said the attacker was suffering from mental illness and hence he has been admitted to the hospital.

Urdu Times (June 8) states that more than 14,000 people were injured on

Bakrid day in Turkiye. The injured have been admitted to hospitals. According to official sources, the butchers were not trained and hence the animals went out of control. The animals broke the ropes that held them. Later these animals ran away and they crushed nearly 10,000 people. While the remaining people got injured by their own weapons while trying to sacrifice

animals. The government of Turkiye urged people not to slaughter animals on their own during Eid, instead they take the services of professional butchers so that such incidents could be avoided. It is worth mentioning that last year also nearly 16,000 people were injured in similar incidents on the occasion of Bakrid. Later, 655 people died in the hospital.

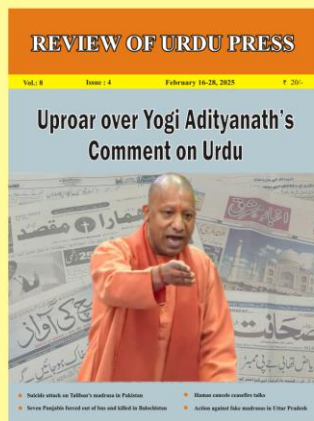
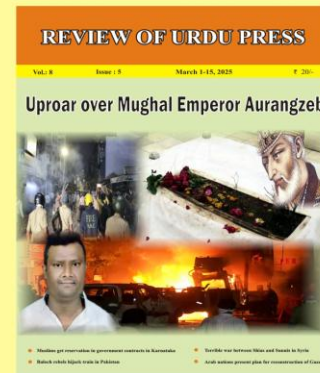
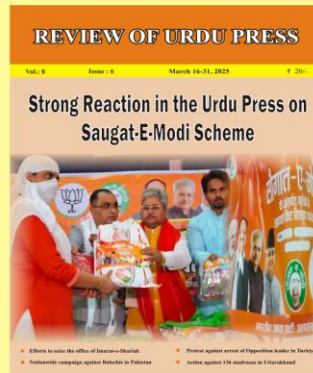
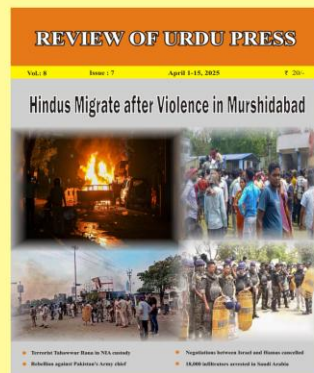
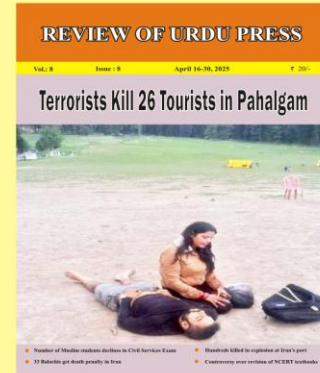
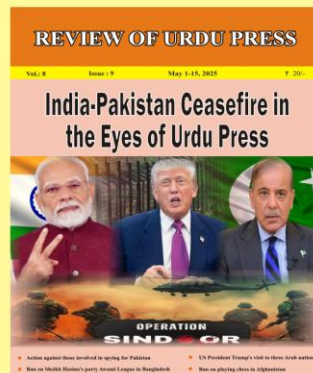
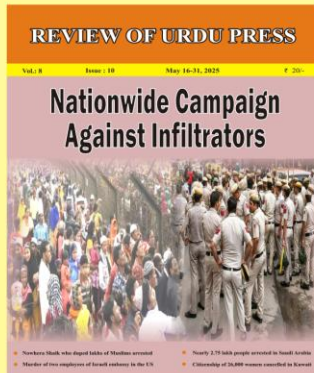
Women banned from taking bath wearing bikini in Syria

Aurangabad Times (June 12) reports that the Syrian government has imposed a ban on women wearing bikini and taking bath in swimming pools and beaches. Now they have to wear burkini, a dress that covers the fully body, and then only take bath in beaches and swimming pools. Those women who violate this government order will be arrested immediately. It is worth mentioning that during the rule of Bashar al-Assad, the women generally used to wear western swimming dress while taking bath, but now the government of Ahmed Al-Sharaa has announced that no woman will be permitted to wear non-Islamic dress. He said that the new government will strictly implement Islamic culture.

The Syrian government said that no woman will have permission to wear tight dress in public places. Woman could wear only those dress which do not reveal their body parts. This apart, a ban has also been imposed on women from wearing skirts



above their knees. It is worth mentioning that in Syria, the government of Islamic extremist organisation Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham is in power. HTS has been declared as a terrorist organisation by the US and Britain. Syria's tourism minister Mazen al-Salhani announced that we will not allow any woman to violate the Shariah law. It is worth mentioning that these kinds of restrictions are not there in Syria's neighbouring country Turkiye. The women there openly use Western dress.



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