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Summary

At an event organised in New Delhi on the occasion of ‘50 years of Emergency,’ Sarkaryavah of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Dattatreya Hosabale, said that the fundamental rights were violated during the Emergency period by keeping the Constitution aside. During the time, the freedom of press was curbed, opposition leaders were sent to jail and the judiciary was paralysed. Hosabale said that the original Preamble of the Constitution did not have the words ‘secular’ and ‘socialist.’ The Congress government introduced these two words in the Preamble of the Constitution during the Emergency period. He said there should be a debate on whether these words should remain or not in the Preamble of the Constitution. Meanwhile, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has described the words ‘secular’ and ‘socialist’ introduced in the Constitution during the Emergency as a festering wound. On the other hand, Opposition parties, especially Congress, strongly reacted to these statements. The Congress leaders are spreading a propaganda that the BJP wants to change the Constitution and implement Manusmriti so that this country could be turned into a Hindu Rashtra.

It is very strange that Muslim intellectuals have been continuously propagating that Muslim community is backward in education sector compared to other communities. In this connection, the then UPA government had constituted the Sachar committee. This committee had claimed that the Muslims of the country are backward in educational, economic and social fields compared to other communities. Recently, Urdu newspaper ‘Inquilab’ had published an article written by Najmuddin Ahmad Farooqi. In this article he has exposed the claims of the Congress and the Sachar committee. On the basis of the government data tabled in the Parliament, Farooqi claimed that 48 educational institutions are currently being run in the country for the higher education of Muslims. Among them, 17 institutions have been set up by the government. These institutions are at the level of universities. He claimed that it is clear from this data that Muslims are not backward in the education sector compared to other communities.

The expulsion of Afghan-origin citizens from Pakistan and Iran is continuing. A spokesperson of Afghan government claimed that more than 50 lakh Afghanis staying abroad have returned to the country. The Iran government has announced to forcibly sent back 40 lakh Afghan citizens staying in the country. In June, the Iran government had pushed back more than 2.5 lakh Afghan citizens through the Afghanistan border. During this period, Pakistan also pushed back nearly five lakh Afghan citizens through the Afghanistan border. Pakistan and Iran claim that these Afghan citizens are infiltrators. Whereas the Afghanistan government claims that those who were pushed into Afghanistan were legal citizens of Iran and Pakistan and they were born there itself.

After 12 days of war, US President Donald Trump suddenly announced a ceasefire between Israel and Iran. Iran government claimed it as a victory for them and celebrations were held across the country. However, Iran had to suffer huge damages in this war. Dozens of its top military commanders and nuclear scientists were killed in Israeli attacks. Meanwhile, it has also become clear that the so-called unity of Islamic nations is just a show-off because not a single Muslim country openly sided with Iran during its time of crisis. The reason behind this is that Iran is a Shia nation, whereas majority of Muslim nations belong to Sunni sect. Despite this, a top military official of Iran, Mohsen Rezaee, urged that all Muslim nations in the world should come together and form an Islamic army to take on the US and Israel.

Debate over 'secular' and 'socialist' words in the Preamble of Constitution



Recently, the Sarkaryavah of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Dattatreya Hosabale, had said at an event organised in New Delhi that the words 'secular' and 'socialist' were included in the Preamble of the Constitution during the Emergency period. There should be a debate on whether these words should be retained in the Preamble of the Constitution or not. Following this suggestion by Hosabale, a new controversy has erupted in the country.

Hindustan Express (June 30) states that an uproar has erupted over the statement of Dattatreya Hosabale. The Congress and other Opposition parties have targeted Sangh and the government. National president of Congress Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the thinking of the BJP and RSS is anti-Constitution and they have been trying for a long time to finish off the Constitution of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar. In a programme organised over Emergency, Sarkaryavah of RSS Dattatreya Hosabale said the Constitution that Ambedkar had drafted did not have the words 'secular' and 'socialist' in its Preamble. These words were introduced into the Preamble of the Constitution during the Emergency

period when the Fundamental Rights were curbed, the Parliament was not functioning and the judiciary was crippled. There should be a debate on whether these words should remain in the Preamble of the Constitution or not.

Congress objected to the statement of Dattatreya Hosabale and described it as an attack on the soul of the Constitution. The Congress alleged that when the Constitution was promulgated in 1950, the RSS had opposed it. They had even set its copies on fire. Even today they keep the same mentality. The BJP had said during the Lok Sabha elections that they needed more than 400 seats to change the Constitution. Now they are once again working on their old plan.

Hindustan (June 28) states that Dattatreya Hosabale said those who imposed the Emergency are today roaming around carrying the Constitution in their hands. Congress should apologise to the people of the country for imposing the Emergency.

Inquilab (June 28) states that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has alleged that the veil of RSS has once again come-

off. The Constitution still torments them because it speaks about equality, secularism and justice. RSS and BJP do not want Constitution, they want only Manusmriti.

As per another news published in this newspaper, the Communist Party of India alleged that a dangerous conspiracy is being hatched to turn this country into a Hindu Rashtra which we will strongly oppose. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) also opposed the statement of Hosabale. Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh said let the BJP show the courage to hold elections on the agenda of removing the words 'secular' and 'socialist' from the Constitution. This will give an idea about their status.

Roznama Sahara (June 30) states that the chief of Jamiat Ulema Arshad Madani alleged that the Sangh wants to turn this country into a Hindu Rashtra and hence it is demanding the removal of 'secular' and 'socialist' from the Preamble of the Constitution. He said that every Indian will oppose this conspiracy of RSS.

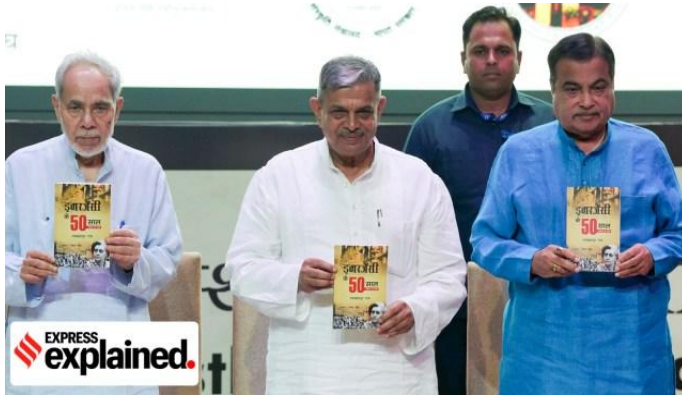
Urdu Times (June 29) states that now Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has escalated this controversy. He said in a programme that the words added to the Preamble of the Constitution during the Emergency are a festering wound. It is a sacrilege to the spirit of Sanatana. Vice-President Dhankhar said that the Preamble is the soul of any Constitution. Except India, no other country in the world had ever made any changes in the Preamble of the Constitution. The Preamble is the foundation on which the entire Constitution rests. He said that during the Emergency period, the Constitution was amended and words like 'secular', 'socialist' and 'integrity' were added. Dhankhar said that Emergency was the blackest period of Indian democracy. He said that Dr Ambedkar wrote the Constitution after lot of thinking and hence he did not include



these words in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Hindustan Express (June 30) states that Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, while criticising the Sangh, said that the Sangh had never accepted the Indian Constitution. It has started attacking Dr Ambedkar, Pandit Nehru and other Constitution makers on November 30, 1949 itself. He said that the RSS has not recognised Indian Constitution because it is not in accordance with Manusmriti. He alleged that the people of RSS and BJP have been demanding a new Constitution for a long time. Jairam Ramesh said that during the Lok Sabha elections in 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has indicated about a new Constitution, but the people of the country rejected the same.

Jairam Ramesh also mentioned about an important judicial verdict. Balram Singh and a few others had filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Supreme Court objecting to the introduction of words 'secular' and 'socialist' in the Preamble of the Constitution during the Emergency period. A division bench comprising the then Chief Justice of India Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar had said in its verdict on November 25, 2024 that the words 'secular' and 'socialist' were introduced into the Preamble of the Constitution by amending the Constitution in 1976. These words were in tune with the basic structure of the Constitution. The court also clarified that in the Indian context, the meaning of 'socialist' is public welfare and a guarantee for social and economic justice, not any kind of curbs on private trade or policies. Similarly, the meaning of 'secular' is



fairness towards religion and not enmity towards religion. Jairam Ramesh said that when the division bench headed by the chief justice has rejected this demand, what is the point in RSS raking up this debate again? They should study the verdict of the Supreme Court before issuing statements on it.

Aurangabad Times (June 28) states that the president of Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee, Harshvardhan Sapkal, said the BJP and RSS had never accepted the Indian Constitution. They want to impose Manusmriti instead of the Constitution drafted by Ambedkar and this is part of their agenda. The recent statement of RSS Sarkaryavah has exposed this agenda. The aim of the RSS is to make Bharat a Hindu Rashtra.

Urdu Times (July 1) in its editorial alleged that the BJP government is hell bent on destroying Bharat's multi-religious identity and Constitutional secularism. It is moving ahead with the policy to keep away minorities, especially Muslims, from the mainstream of the society. The government has brought the Citizenship Amendment Act and made arrangement to give Indian citizenship to Hindu refugees from neighbouring countries. Whereas Muslims have been deliberately deprived of this. Now the government is involved in a campaign to expel from the country lakhs of Muslims by branding them as infiltrators by implementing the NRC through backdoor. Now the BJP and the organisations associated with it are demanding to remove the words 'secular' and 'socialist' from the Preamble of the

Constitution. This is against the basic tenets of the Constitution. Every citizen should oppose this.

Roznama Sahara (June 30) in its editorial said that Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma have openly come out in support of Hosabale. This allegation of

Rahul Gandhi is correct that the RSS wants to turn this country into a Hindu Rashtra by imposing Manusmriti. The newspaper said that now time has come for the people to oppose this dictatorial stand. If it does not happen, then that day will not be far away when the Constitution will remain just a formal book. This is a war for the soul of India and to remain silent at this critical moment is a betrayal of national interests.

Hindustan (July 3) in its editorial alleged that the Congress had deliberately overlooked RSS when it was in power. Congress is now paying price for that mistake. Had Congress did not make this mistake, today the political situation in the country would have been totally different. In 2014, after the BJP came to power at the Centre and in states, the Congress is now realising that it has not correctly identified the intentions of RSS. There is no doubt that the Sangh Parivar was the first to start the campaign of propaganda against the Congress. They misled the people of the country by raising the fake and baseless allegations of corruption. No one questioned the dirty politics of RSS and BJP that if Congress leaders were so dishonest then how did they become clean by joining BJP.

The newspaper said that the BJP and Sangh Parivar, which have been defaming the Congress for the Emergency, have taken hostage of all the Constitutional institutions in the country. Now the Congress has started realising that the BJP governments at the Centre and in states are puppets of the RSS, and hence it has opened a direct front against the RSS. This

courage was shown by Rahul Gandhi. It is absolutely unacceptable that the Sangh Parivar should end the secular identity of the country and use government resources to transform it into a Hindu state. Power comes and goes but it cannot be allowed to be used to compromise the unity and religious diversity of the country. Now the

leaders of Sangh and BJP have started demanding the removal of the words 'socialist' and 'secular' from the Preamble of the Constitution. Congress has also announced that if it comes to power, a ban would be imposed on RSS. It is necessary for every patriot to support this announcement of Congress.

Row over removal of loudspeaker from masjids in Maharashtra



Inquilab (July 3) states that Muslims have approached the Bombay High Court against the removal of loudspeakers from masjids in Mumbai. The court, while hearing the petition, has sought a written reply from Maharashtra government, Mumbai police and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in this connection before July 9. The management committees of several masjids and dargahs filed a petition before the Bombay High Court and alleged that the police are deliberately targeting the religious places of Muslims.

Inquilab (July 3) states that the Bombay police, while abiding with the orders of the Bombay High Court and the directions of the state government, removed loudspeakers from 1,500 places of worship in Mumbai and its satellite cities. Mumbai police commissioner Devan Bharti said the action was not against any particular community, instead the police removed the loudspeaker from the places of worship of all communities. He accepted that the Muslims are opposing this decision. The police commissioner said the

decision to remove loudspeaker from the places of worship was taken following the orders of the high court and after holding discussions with people belonging to different religions. He said that no place of worship will be allowed to install loudspeakers again. It is worth mentioning that BJP leader Kirit Somaiya has been running a campaign for a long time to remove loudspeakers from the

masjids. The police have taken action against the masjids due to this campaign by him.

Roznama Sahara (June 18) states that the Chunabhatti police in Mumbai have registered cases against two managers of Anjuman Shah Alam Madarsa Habibia Anjul Islam located at Namdar Chawl in Qureshi Nagar on charges of using loudspeakers without permission and creating sound pollution in the local area. The accused have been identified as Salim Aziz Shah and Taufiq Zainuddin Shah. The police said these people have violated the Bombay High Court order of January 23. The police had told them that they should take permission from the government before using the loudspeaker, but they did not pay heed to it and used the loudspeaker without permission.

Etemaad (June 10) states that different Muslim organisations held a meeting against the decision to remove loudspeakers from the masjids. This meeting was organised by former minister

Mohammed Arif Nasim Khan, chairman of Jamiat Ulema, Maharashtra, Maulana Halimullah Qasmi and chief of Jamiat Ahle Hadis, Maulana Abdus Salam Salafi. More than 1,000 managers of different masjids and dargahs in Mumbai took part in this meeting. In this meeting, it was decided to question in the court the decision to remove loudspeakers from masjids and dargahs. Arif Nasim Khan said this order of the police is against the verdict of the Supreme Court and the high court. He said that the courts had directed that there should be a set volume limit for the loudspeakers being used in masjids and dargahs. Maulana Abdus Salam Salafi said the government is targeting Muslims due to communal hatred. We must forget our differences and unite to protect our religion and faith.



Etemaad (June 16) claimed that the managers of masjids and dargahs located in Mumbai and neighbouring areas have installed machines to reduce the volume of the loudspeakers. According to Central Pollution Control Board, the volume in residential areas should not be more than 55 decibels during day time and 45 decibels during night time. The newspaper said that BJP leader and former MP Kirit Somaiya has been running a campaign to harass Muslims. The manager of Jama Masjid Al-Shams located on Mira Road said he had installed a machine to limit the volume, but despite that the police directed him to remove the loudspeaker from the masjid. This is totally illegal.

It is worth mentioning that the Bombay High Court in its verdict on January 23, 2025 said that it is not necessary for any religion to use the loudspeaker. The high court has instructed the police to take action to prevent the use of loudspeaker in religious places. A division bench comprising Justice A S Gadkari and Justice S C Chandok in its verdict said that noise is very dangerous for health, hence nobody can be given permission for the use of loudspeaker. The

high court has directed the state government to ask religious institutions to adopt a mechanism to control noise levels.

Urdu Times (June 27) in its editorial alleged that the police have launched a campaign against the use of loudspeakers in Mumbai and masjids in Maharashtra. Police teams are entering masjids and forcibly taking off loudspeakers. It looks like the government has directed the police to harass the people of a particular community. In this connection, a representation of the Muslim community also held talks with Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar as well, but he did not listen to even one argument of Muslim leaders. He asked to do what the court says. The newspaper advised that Muslims need to understand their history. A person who has read kalima, should not step back from his stand despite government's excesses. We need to understand which party's government is in power now and what is their stand towards Islam. In view of this, Muslims should use mobile instead of loudspeaker.

Munsif (June 18) in its editorial has accused the Maharashtra government that its stand towards Muslims is getting stringent day-by-day and it is giving a communal colour to every small issue. The government and the administration are targeting Muslims and are using every opportunity to harass them. People like Kirit Somaiya are spitting poison against Muslims but the government remains mute spectators. It looks like that India's biggest minority community is being intentionally harassed. In the states where the BJP is in power, the situation there is getting from

worse to worst. The government of Devendra Fadnavis claims to be secular, but in reality its stand is totally communal. Now cases are being registered against Muslims in entire Maharashtra on the pretext of using loudspeakers. This is a conspiracy against Muslims. This mentality of the government is a threat to the democracy and the country.



Hindustan (June 27) in its editorial said the loudspeakers installed in thousands of masjids in the country are on the target of anti-Muslim elements. The newspaper asked what is the objection of RSS and its affiliated organisations against the use of loudspeakers for five-time namaz in masjids. Isn't this campaign against Islam? This issue is very serious and sensitive. The way Mumbai Police is targeting mosques by ignoring the law and

Constitution is causing growing uneasiness among Muslims. Mumbai Police is dancing to the tunes of radicals and anti-Muslim elements like Raj Thackeray and Kirit Somaiya. The newspaper said that Muslims in entire Maharashtra are at the receiving end of the unilateral action of Mumbai Police. It would not be wrong to say that Fadnavis government is targeting Muslims due to political animosity.

Network of Muslim educational institutions spreading in country



Inquilab (July 1) has published an article by Najamuddin Ahmad Farooqi. It has given a detailed account of Islamic educational institutions rapidly spreading in the country. As per this article, 48 Muslim educational institutions are working at university level. Among them, 17 have been founded by the government. Whereas, 31 institutions were established by the

Muslims themselves. The writer said that it is a general belief that after Independence, Muslims had displayed laxity in establishing modern educational institutions or their educational progress is less compared to other religions. However, the situation is just the opposite. The writer has claimed he has done a fair research and the data is believable.

According to the writer, the private educational institutions established by

Muslims at the University level are follows:

Serial No.	Name of University	Place of Establishment	Year of Establishment
1.	Al-Falah University	Faridabad, Haryana	2014
2.	Aliah University	Kolkata, West Bengal	2008
3.	Aligarh Muslim University	Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh	1920
4.	Al-Karim University	Katihar, Bihar	2018
5.	Azim Premji University	Bengaluru, Karnataka	2010
6.	BS Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	2008
7.	Darul Huda Islamic University	Malappuram, Kerala	2009
8.	Dr Abdul Haq Urdu University	Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh	2016
9.	Era Medical University	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2016
10.	Glocal University	Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh	2012
11.	Integral University	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2004
12.	Imam Bukhari University	Kishanganj, Bihar	2024
13.	Islamic University of Science and Technology	Awantipora, Jammu-Kashmir	2005
14.	Jamia Hamdard University	New Delhi	1989
15.	Jamia Islamia Ishaatul Uloom	Nandurbar, Maharashtra	2013
16.	Jamia Markaz	Kozhikode, Kerala	1978
17.	Jamia Millia Islamia	New Delhi	1988
18.	Jamia Al-Hind Al-Islamia	Kozhikode, Kerala	2013
19.	Khwaja Banda Nawaz University	Kalaburagi, Karnataka	2018
20.	Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	2016
21.	Madina Academy	Malappuram, Kerala	1997
22.	Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Hyderabad, Telangana	1998
23.	Maulana Azad University	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	2013
24.	Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic & Persian University	Patna, Bihar	1998
25.	Mohammad Ali Jauhar University	Rampur, Uttar Pradesh	2006
26.	Nurul Islam Centre for Higher Education	Kumarkovil, Tamil Nadu	2008
27.	Osmania University	Hyderabad, Telangana	1918
28.	Dr PA Inamdar University	Pune, Maharashtra	2022
29.	Presidency University	Bengaluru, Karnataka	2013
30.	University of Science and Technology	Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya	2011
31.	Yenepoya University	Mangaluru, Karnataka	2008



This apart, the important Sunni religious institutions include Darul Uloom Deoband (Uttar Pradesh), Mazahir

Uloom (Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh), Darul Uloom Waqf (Deoband, Uttar Pradesh), Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh), Jamia Kasmia Madarsa Shahi (Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh), Madarsa Aminia (Delhi), Darul Uloom Banskandi (Assam), Al Jamiatul Ashrafia (Mubarakpur, Uttar Pradesh), Manzar-e-Islam (Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh), Jamia Naeemia (Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh), Jamia Amjadia Razvia (Ghosi, Uttar Pradesh), Jamia Nizamia (Hyderabad,

Telangana), Madrasatul Islah (Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh).

Similarly, among the important Shia religious institutions include Jamia Nazmia (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh), Sultan Madarsa (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh), Tanzeemul-Makatib (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh), Jawadia Arabic College (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh), Madarsa Bakir ul Uloom (Bengaluru, Karnataka), Bohra Madarsa (Gujarat) and Aljamea-tus-Saifiyah (Surat, Gujarat).

In this article, it has also been claimed that as per the information presented in the Parliament, there are 24

educational institutions of Buddhists, 765 of Christians, 446 of Jains, 1,239 of Muslims and 113 of Sikhs registered as that of minorities.

As per the article, there are more than 24,000 madrasas in Uttar Pradesh. In these madrasas, apart from religious education, maths, science and English are taught. Majority of the madrasas are in rural areas. Nearly 20 lakh students study in them. Among them, nearly 99 percent are Muslim students. The writer stressed that in the private educational institutions established by Muslims, thousands of seats remain vacant every year.

Protest against Waqf law in Patna



Inquilab (June 30) reports that a ‘Waqf bachao, Samvidhan bachao’ rally was organised at the historical Gandhi Maidan in Patna at the behest of Muslim organisation Imarat-e-Shariah. Apart from all Muslim organisations, others like Bihar Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav, Congress leaders Salman Khurshid, Imran Pratapgarhi, Communist leader Dipankar Bhattacharya, MP Pappu Yadav and leader of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Akhtarul Iman took part in the rally. The speakers said that the new Waqf law brought by the Union government is an interference in the religious affairs of Muslims. The government brought this law

and threw to the winds the guarantee being given to Muslims in the Constitution. It has been demanded at this rally that the government immediately withdraw this law.

Addressing the rally, the Amir of Imarat-e-Shariah, Maulana Ahmed Wali Faisal Rahmani said that our agitation will continue until the government withdraws this black law. He said that the lakhs who have gathered for this rally is the proof that the Muslims in the country are against the central government and the black law made by it. On this occasion, the secretary of Imarat-e-Shariah, Maulana Mufti Abdul Rahman Qasmi welcomed the people. He



said that similar protest marches will be organised across the country. Until this black law is withdrawn, the Muslims in the country will not remain silent.

Leader of Rashtriya Janata Dal Tejashwi Yadav said the BJP wants to take away the rights of every citizen and it wants to turn this country into a Hindu Rashtra. He said that the BJP should be given a befitting reply in the forthcoming Bihar Assembly elections. Tejashwi said that if Mahagadbandhan government comes to power, we will not allow this black law to be implemented in Bihar at any cost and the Waqf properties will be protected. Former Union Minister Salman Khurshid said that the government which is in power at the Centre is an enemy of Muslims. This law was passed on the basis of the strength in the Parliament, but the court will declare it as unconstitutional. We are hopeful that we will definitely get justice from the court. General secretary of CPI-ML Dipankar Bhattacharya said we will save the Waqf and the Constitution at any cost.

For this, it is necessary that the people of the country get united and defeat the communal elements in the elections. The BJP government wants to change this country into a Hindu Rashtra and deprive the Muslims, Dalits and Adivasis of their rights. We will not allow them to fulfil their agenda.

Congress MP Imran Pratapgarhi said the people of the country need to come out on the streets to fight the new Waqf law. He expressed satisfaction that all Muslim organisations have buried their internal differences and got united against this black law. Pappu Yadav said he has been against this law right from the beginning and will remain so in future. The people of Bihar should give a befitting reply to BJP in the forthcoming elections.

Jamiat Ulema chief Maulana Arshad Madani did not attend the Patna rally as he was unwell. In a statement issued in Delhi, he said the protection of Waqf is linked to the existence of Muslims. We will not allow any government to interfere in our religious affairs. Muslims may compromise on any issue but will not allow any kind of compromises regarding our Shariah and Islam. He said the government wants to take away the Constitutional rights of the Muslims. The Waqf properties belong to Muslims and the basis of Waqf is Shariah. He said the new Waqf law is a direct interference in our religious affairs.

Minorities get 15 percent reservation in Karnataka

Qaumi Bharat (June 20) states that the Congress government in Karnataka has increased the quota for minorities in housing projects in the state. This decision was taken at meeting of Karnataka cabinet presided over by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. After the meeting, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs H K Patil said that currently there is a 10 percent reservation for minorities in the

housing projects in the state. It has now been increased to 15 percent. He said this decision has been taken so that more and more minorities in the state could be provided houses. Patil said the state government has this policy to improve the social and financial condition of minorities. Housing is a basic necessity. He said that this decision will have its impact on different types of housing programmes.

This includes Basab Wasit Yojana, Ashray Yojana, Prime Minister Awas Yojana and Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana.

Urdu Times (June 21) in its editorial said that this decision of the Congress government has resulted in stomach ache for the Opposition BJP. In Karnataka Assembly, Opposition leader R Ashok has accused the Congress of appeasement of minorities. He said that earlier a decision was taken to give four percent reservation to Muslims in government tenders in the state and now a 15 percent reservation has been prescribed for minorities in housing projects. This decision of the government is unconstitutional.

The newspaper said that recently in several states in south India, especially in Karnataka and Telangana, a special



campaign has been launched to include Muslims in government programmes so that they do not remain backward compared to other communities in the state. The sad thing is that if any state government takes any decision for the benefit of Muslims, the BJP starts opposing it as part of its communal agenda.

16 soldiers killed in suicide attack in Pakistan



Inquilab (June 29) reports that 16 soldiers were killed in a suicide attack in Pakistan's North Waziristan district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Several citizens were also killed in this attack. According to French news agency AFP, though a senior military official has confirmed the attack, he has refused to identify himself. This military officer said that a suicide attacker rammed a vehicle filled with explosives on a convoy of the Pakistan army. Sixteen soldiers including four officers were killed in this attack. This blast was so strong that the roofs of two houses collapsed. Several ordinary citizens were killed after getting trapped under them. He said the number of those killed could increase further because bodies are still being taken out from the debris.

The Hafiz Gul Bahadur group belonging to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has taken responsibility for the attack. This group claimed that its campaign against the Pakistan army would continue because the Pakistani army is targeting innocent Pakhtuns. This group said that recently the Pakistani soldiers had shot dead a dozen innocent people in Swat district. There were several children also among the dead. We have taken revenge for this attack. A police officer of Mir Ali police station said terrorist attacks on Pakistan Army keep taking place in this

region. When a convoy of Pakistani soldiers were on their way to carry out an operation against the terrorists, curfew was imposed in the entire region. The terrorists violated this curfew and targeted the convoy of the Pakistan army. He said the army has cordoned off the entire region and a search has been on for the terrorists. He claimed that at least 20 terrorists were killed in the clashes between the army and the terrorists. Foreign-made weapons were seized from the terrorists.

BBC (July 2) states that a gang of armed assailants attacked a government office in Bajaur district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In this attack, five senior officials including Assistant Commissioner Faisal Ismail and Tehsildar Abdul Wakil were killed. Government spokesperson in Ihtisham Ali said the number of attackers was more than 40. First they entered the office of Assistant Commissioner and opened indiscriminate fire. Five police officers were killed and a few others were injured in this firing. The spokesperson said that the terrorists then attacked a bank and tried to loot it. In the bank, they shot dead four persons. The spokesperson said the attackers were said to belong to TTP.

Chattan (June 27) states that in a report, the Amnesty International has expressed concern over the drone attacks carried out by the Pakistani army in Khyber

Pakthunkhwa. Seventeen people including five children were killed in these attacks. Deputy Regional Director of Amnesty International for South Asia Isabelle Lassée said these attacks by the Pakistan army is a violation of international laws. Pakistani MP from Kurram, Hamid Hussain, alleged at a press conference in Peshawar that the Pakistani army is carrying out drone attacks on innocent people. In this region, 13 drone attacks took place in the past one month. He also said the Pakistani army is also



targeting villages in Afghanistan by violating the border. He alleged that no Pakhtun is safe in Pakistan now.

Lakhs of Afghanis expelled from Pakistan and Iran



Roznama Sahara (July 1) states that it has been claimed in a report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees that Iran has pushed back more than 2.3 lakh Afghan citizens through the Afghanistan border in June alone. Spokesperson of the organisation Awand Aziz Agha said that between June 1 and 28, a total of 2,33,941 people were forcibly sent from Iran to Afghanistan. He said that between June 21 and 28, a total of 1,31,912 Afghan citizens returned to Afghanistan from Iran. Aziz Agha said that the Iran government has sent a total of 6,91,049 Afghan citizens from Iran to Afghanistan between January and today. He said that these Afghan citizens had been residing in Iran for decades.

Aurangabad Times (June 28) states that every day, nearly 30,000 Afghan citizens are returning from Iran to Afghanistan through Islam Qala border. A

spokesperson of Afghan government said that Afghanistan shares two major border crossing points with Iran. Among them, the first is the Islam Qala border crossing located in Herat province in Afghanistan. Whereas the second one is the Pul-e-Abresham border crossing in Nimroz province. The Iran government is forcibly sending Afghan citizens back to Afghanistan through both these routes. He said that nearly 70 lakh Afghan citizens are staying in Pakistan and Iran for several decades. Majority of them were born in these countries only. The Pakistan government claims that more than 40 lakh Afghan citizens are staying in Pakistan and they are infiltrators. Now the Pakistan army is forcibly pushing these Afghan citizens back to Afghanistan.

The Afghan government had urged Pakistan government that it stop the process of forcibly pushing these people of

Afghan origin into Afghanistan, but the Pakistan government has refused to accept this request of Afghan government. Due to the return of these refugees, the financial crisis in Afghanistan is further going up. Similarly, the Iran government has also claimed that 40 lakh Afghan citizens are staying in Iran, who will be forcibly sent back. The government spokesperson said that after the Russian occupation of Afghanistan in 1979, many people of Afghanistan origin had left for Iran and Pakistan. Majority among them have registered themselves as refugees with the United Nations and hence it is illegal to push them into Afghanistan.

Siasat (July 1) states that the Pakistan government has closed its border along Afghanistan due to security reasons. A top official of Pakistan army said that the Pakistan government has closed the Ghulam Khan border following a suicide attack on Pakistan army in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa last week.

Roznama Sahara (June 20) states that spokesperson of Afghan government Abdul Motalib Haqqani said in an



interview on government radio that ever since Taliban came to power in 2021, nearly 3.1 lakh families have returned to native Afghanistan from Pakistan, Iran and Turkiye. There are more than 50 lakh people in these families. He said that majority of them were forcibly sent back to Afghanistan by Turkiye, Iran and Pakistan. Haqqani said that the government is trying to provide basic facilities to them despite limited resources. He appealed to the United Nations that it provide financial aid to Afghanistan government for the rehabilitation of these refugees, because the economic situation in the country is not good.

Former Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh arrested



Roznama Sahara (June 25) states that the former chief election commissioner of Bangladesh, K M Nurul Huda, has been arrested. Huda has been accused of committing election fraud during several periods. Earlier an incited mob attacked the

residence of Huda and thrashed him. The mob looted his house and seriously injured his family members. As shown on a viral video on social media, the mob initially thrashed Nurul Huda with shoes and later he was garlanded with shoes. Eggs were thrown at him apart from a slew of abuses. Later the 77-

year-old Nurul Huda was made to wear a helmet and produced in court so that the huge mob does not seriously injure him. The court sent him to four days' police remand. It is worth mentioning that earlier Bangladesh's prominent political party

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) had registered cases against Nurul Huda and other members of the election commission.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 27) states that the problems of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina are increasing. The former colleagues of Sheikh Hasina have testified against her. In these testimonies, it has been alleged that the police have killed more than 1,500 innocent people at the behest of Sheikh Hasina. The national independent investigation commission told journalists that two senior leaders of Awami League, Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Mirza Azam, have testified against Sheikh Hasina. These two leaders have fled from the country and they sent their testimony to the commission via email.

The commission has confirmed that eight senior leaders of Awami League have

so far testified against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina. Among them, three leaders are lodged in jail. They made serious allegations against Sheikh Hasina during the interrogation. This apart, three other leaders have appeared themselves before the commission and confirmed about the genocide carried out at the behest of Sheikh Hasina. Chairman of National Independent Investigating Commission Major General ALM Fazlur Rahman (Retd) told correspondents that so far 55 witnesses have given their testimonials. Apart from 35 officials of the military, they included senior officials of intelligence agencies as well. This apart, the 30 people who were caught on charges of killing the protesters have also testified before the commission that the protesters were shot dead on the orders of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

Turkiye will export fighter plans to Indonesia

Inquilab (June 13) states that Türkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced that Türkiye will export 48 KAAN (Kaan) fighter planes built in the country to Indonesia. Erdogan said that the 48 KAAN fighter planes will be manufactured in Türkiye and will be exported to Indonesia. It is being said that these planes are worth 10 billion

dollars. The fifth generation KAAN fighter planes are being manufactured by Türkiye's government company Turkish Aerospace Industries. He said that recently Indonesia's defence minister had visited Türkiye. The deal was signed following the talks between the two sides.

Erdogan said that as per this agreement, the technical know-how for the manufacture of these fighter planes will



also be provided to Indonesia. He said that the deal showcases the progress and achievements of our domestic and national defense industry. He praised Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto for this agreement. It is worth mentioning that in 2024 Türkiye had sold weapons worth eight billion dollars to foreign countries. Majority of them were drones. These drones were developed by Türkiye itself.

Ban on smartphones in Afghanistan



Roznama Sahara (June 20) states that the Afghanistan government has banned students of all schools and madrasas, teachers and employees from using Smartphone. This decision has been taken as per Islamic Shariah. The education department of Afghanistan has issued an order in this connection. This order will be applicable on students of all schools, colleges and madrasas, teachers and employees. It is being said in this order that the use of smartphone could increase sense of immorality among the students. This apart, the use of smartphone is not in tune with Islam. Twenty two-year-old teacher Syed Ahmed said that it was a good decision by the government. Now there will be

more focus on the studies. He said that we have decided to search all our students and those who are caught with smartphones will be expelled from schools.

A madarsa teacher, Mohammad Irfan, said that we had already imposed a ban on students studying in madrasas from using the smartphone. The Taliban government had also directed that no individual shall take the picture of any living creature and neither it shall be published in the media, because taking pictures and publishing them is against Shariah. Taliban's supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzadah urged the students in the country not to use smartphones.



Ceasefire between Israel and Iran



Inqilab (June 25) states that the fierce battle between Israel and Iran, which has been continuing for the past 12 days, has come to an end. It is being said that a ceasefire has been announced because the possibility of a world war has increased. The US directly jumped into this war. Iran had decided to turn this war into a world war by attacking the US military bases located in several countries in West Asia including Qatar, but US President Donald Trump announced a ceasefire between the two countries all of a sudden, surprising everyone. According to US newspaper 'New York Times,' the US administration had no information about this announcement by President Trump. The US President informed his cabinet about this ceasefire after finalising the plan by holding talks with all stakeholders. The US held talks with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Iran government by keeping Qatar as the mediator.

Interestingly, even after this announcement by Trump, the series of attacks on each other continued from both the countries. Iranian missiles continued to be fired on Israel. In retaliation for this, Israel also targeted a radar station of Iran. Following this, Trump got angry and saw

the possibility of the ceasefire agreement breaking down. Iran fired missiles on several Israeli cities even after the announcement of ceasefire. Following this, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered his military to attack Iran. He told Trump over telephone that Iran had violated the ceasefire, hence we had to resort to retaliatory action. On this, Iran clarified that it did not violate the ceasefire.

Trump tweeted and warned Israel that it should not pound Iran with bombs. He tried to assure Israel that Iran will not manufacture nuclear weapons again. The US President claimed that Iran's nuclear capacity has been finished. Now it will never become a nuclear power again. On the other hand, Iran's nuclear agency announced that its nuclear programme will continue. Chief of Iran's nuclear energy institute Mohammad Eslami said that their plan is to ensure that there is no hindrance in its nuclear energy development. The Iranian Parliament passed a resolution and cut off its relations with International Nuclear Energy Agency. Iran announced that it would not allow the observers of any international organisation to probe into its nuclear institutions.

Welcoming this ceasefire, different nations in the world said that war is not a



solution to any problem. Both the countries should resolve their mutual dispute through talks.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 28) in its editorial has congratulated Iran for its victory. The newspaper said that in the beginning, when the Israel carried out attacks on Iran at the behest of the US, and its top military commanders and scientists were killed, the world thought that now Iran would have to surrender, but it turned around the game by taking strong retaliatory action. When destructions took place in Israel during attacks by Iran, and when its iron dome was destroyed, Netanyahu understood that he made a huge mistake by thinking it was a soft bait. Following this, Netanyahu made a plea to US President Trump. Israeli citizens had erected huge hoardings of US President Trump on the streets of Tel Aviv. It was written, 'Make peace now, President Trump' on them. Initially, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio claimed that the US has nothing to do with this war, but later the US launched a direct attack on Iran. Later when Iran started targeting US military bases located in several countries in West Asia as a retaliatory measure, the US realised its worth and put pressure on Qatar to make a deal between Israel and Iran.

Urdu Times (June 29) in its editorial said that the Israel-Iran war has increased Iran's stature to the extent that today US itself wants to have friendship with Iran. The US has announced an aid worth Rs 2.5 lakh crore for the non-nuclear energy

programme of Iran. This apart, it has also given indication to soften the economic sanctions it has imposed on Iran. Trump fears that Iran might ruin his dream of winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

Hindustan (June 28) criticised in its editorial that majority of the Muslim nations in the world remained silent spectators during the crisis faced by Iran, but Iran has changed

the history of the world with its courage. A world power like the US had to kneel down before Iran.

Urdu Times (June 25) in its editorial said the truth is that this is not a ceasefire, it is a drama staged by the US to hide its failures. The world had expected that after the killing of top military officials and scientists of Iran by Israel, Iran would bend but it not only fought against this pressure, but also spoiled the sleep of the US by attacking the US military bases located in different countries. Following this, the US had to plead before Qatar for a ceasefire. Iran has proved that the strength of faith is the greatest weapon of a believer (Muslim). US President Trump got scared by Iran's attack and he changed his colours all of a sudden. He realised that Iran would wipe out the 40,000 US soldiers deployed in US bases in Middle-East nations. This is the reason why the US remembered about world peace in order to hide its failures and was forced to bend before Iran.

Qaumi Tanzeem (June 26) in its editorial claimed that the way Iran smeared US and Israel in the recent war has made US's reputation worthless. The strange thing is that the US had given Iran a 15-day reprieve, but when Iran targeted US military bases, its condition worsened and it had to approach Qatar with the plea for a ceasefire. Expressing regret, the newspaper said the Muslim nations of Arab world think of their neighbouring Muslim countries as enemies and their rulers

consider themselves safe under the protection of the US. The US has its military bases in countries like Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Iran and Cyprus. Their effort is to see that Russia and China do not increase their supremacy in these Muslim countries, but the recent developments have posed a threat to the US dominance in this region.

Inqilab (June 25) in its editorial said that it is difficult to speculate why the US had to change its colour, but it looks like Netanyahu realised a threat to his chair following the huge destruction that took place in Israel due to Iranian attacks. This is the reason why Netanyahu had to urge Trump that they extend help to him and take part in the war. The Jewish lobby is quite powerful in the US. May be Trump came under their pressure and had to take a decision to attack Iran. Later Trump understood that the spread of war is not in the interest of the US. When Iran attacked the US military base located in Qatar, Trump realised the danger to US domination in the world. Hence, the US



started acting as peace loving people and took help from Qatar. Qatar explained to Iran that the lessons taught to Israel and US are enough.

Roznama Sahara (June 27) in its editorial congratulated Iran for giving a tight slap on the face of the US. The newspaper said that Iran has proved that any Muslim country should be ready to make any sacrifice for its honor. Iran has shattered the arrogance of a world power like the US.

Aurangabad Times (June 26) has expressed satisfaction that Iran has presented a shining example of the dignity of Islam. Iran has proved that Muslims have the courage to continue the war until they win. Iran has saved the honour of Islam and shattered the pride of Israel and the US.

Iran launches nationwide manhunt for spies



Urdu Times (June 30) reports that Iran has launched a nationwide campaign to look for spies hiding in the country. Till now, more than 1,000 people have been arrested on charges of spying and treason. As per

media reports, more than 50 spies have been publicly hanged to death so far. Apart from Jews, citizens of Afghanistan and other countries have also been arrested on charges of spying. According to Iranian news agency 'Fars,' raids have been carried out in more than 100 places in the country and 700 people have been arrested. Drones and missiles in huge quantities have been seized from their bases. These weapons were secretly smuggled from foreign countries. The agents of Israel's intelligence agency



‘Mossad’ had created havoc in different cities through these drones and missiles. The highest number of foreign agents were caught from Qom, Mashhad, Isfahan, Zahedan and Tehran cities. Many of these spies were pretending to receive Islamic education in Iran's religious institutions by assuming Muslim appearance. Majority among them have been camping in Iran for the past several years and after marrying local women, have set up their family. It is being said that it was on the basis of the secret information received from these spies that Israel killed the top commanders and scientists of Iran.

There is lot of discussions about a French woman in Iranian media. This French woman had left Christianity and adopted Islam seven years ago and she had camped in Iran on the pretext of studying Islam. As an Islamic scholar, she had infiltrated the elite class of Iran and her contacts were with the top commanders and nuclear scientists of Iran. After Israeli attack on Iran, this woman spy disappeared mysteriously. The intelligence agencies of Iran are trying to find out this woman.

Sahafat (June 19) states that the Iranian intelligence wing raided a factory of Mossad spies manufacturing drones in Tehran. During this raid, a truck filled with drones was seized. It is being said that the parts of these drones were secretly brought to Iran from Israel. Here attack drones were made by joining their parts. In this connection, 10 agents of Mossad have been arrested. As per another news, raids were

carried out on two other factories as well in Mashhad. Thirty two drones were seized from here. Huge quantities of explosives were also seized from this base. These were brought from abroad by the agents of Mossad. This included 26 missiles as well. The intelligence wing has arrested 12 persons in this connection. Two among them swallowed poisonous pills and committed suicide. The rest are being interrogated. The Iranian army has released two videos as well. They show Mossad spies setting ups bombs and drone launchers on Iranian land.

Urdu Times (July 1) states that Iran's 99-year-old top Shia scholar Ayatollah Naser Makarem Shirazi issued a religious fatwa against US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu. The two have been described as enemies of Allah and Islam. Shirazi has appealed to Muslims across the world that they get united and take revenge on them. It has been said in the fatwa that it is the religious duty of every Muslim in the world to remove the heads of Trump and Netanyahu from their bodies. In this fatwa, it has also been said that any person who becomes a threat to Islam has no right to live because it is an insult to Allah and Islam and he is considered as one who wages war against Allah. If any Muslim nation supports these two leaders, they will also become an enemy of Islam.

Qaumi Tanzeem (June 29) states that now it has been officially confirmed that Israel has killed more than 30 senior

military commanders and officials of intelligence agencies of Iran along with their families. This apart, 11 senior Iranian nuclear scientists were killed along with their families. Israel claimed that the Israeli Air Force has targeted different cities of Iran more than 900 times during this war. Iran's nuclear energy centres also suffered damages in these attacks. The US has claimed that it has targeted more than 12 nuclear centres of Iran. Whereas Iran claimed that its nuclear plants did not suffer any damages in these attacks.

Urdu Times (June 26) reports that Iran Minister Mohammad Reza Zafarghandi confirmed that 606 people were killed in Iran in the Israeli attacks and nearly 5,332 people were injured. On the other hand, Israel claimed that their 28



people were killed in Iranian attacks and 3,238 people were injured.

Urdu Times (June 21) states that Israel's economic condition worsened due to the war with Iran. Israel's retired Brigadier General Reem Aminoach said that Israel is spending 725 million dollars (approximately Rs 6,300 crore) every day during this war.

Iran appeals to Muslim nations in the world to form Islamic army



Hindustan (June 22) reports that a senior military officer of Iran, Mohsen Rezaee, has appealed to Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Iraq and Syria to form a joint Islamic army to take on Israel and the US in West Asia. He said that in order to save Islam, all these nations should together create an Islamic army. Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said that Muslims have divided themselves into sects like Shia, Sunni and Arab. Due to this, Islam has become weak. The strength of Ummat-e-Islamia is in its unity, hence we need to unitedly take on

the enemies of Islam. He suggested that the Islamic nations should also form an alliance on the lines of NATO so that it will have its own army and all the Muslim nations should provide financial resources in order to equip them with most modern weapons. He said that time has come for Muslim nations to have more and more nuclear weapons so that they can take on anti-Muslim powers in the world.

Munsif (June 21) said that the Iran-Israel war is in reality a war between the East and the West and in this the existence of Islam is in danger. The strange thing is that the Muslim nations have become mere spectators. The newspaper urged that the Muslim nations in the world should get united and form a joint defence system. If that is not done, the outcome will be quite dangerous. From Baitul Muqaddas (Al-Aqsa Masjid) to Tehran and Baghdad to Beirut, all Muslim countries will be on the target of anti-Islamic powers and they will destroy the entire Islamic world. Every Muslim nation



and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) have also become active. This has raised the hope that now Muslim countries are getting ready to survive on their own strength and not at the mercy of the US. Currently there are 57 Muslim nations in the world. If they get united, they will emerge as a big power in the world.

should be aware that no Christian or Jewish nation will come to save them. Now time has come for Islamic nations to come out of the pressures of the US and Israel and establish a united bloc in the world. The Arab world should reconsider its policies in the light of the Quran and Sunnah. They should understand that silence in the destruction of the Ummah is also a crime and supporting the enemies of Islam is an open treason. If any Muslim country trades the blood of suffering Muslims for the desire to get the moon, then history will never forgive it. The Quran and the Prophet have emphasised that Muslims around the world must unite to protect Islam.

Urdu Times (June 28) said that Iran has defeated the US and Israel, but questions have been raised on the attitude of other Muslim countries as well. Iran has emerged as a strong nation not only in the West Asia but in the world itself. Israel had thought that it could destroy the nuclear bases of Iran with the help of Mossad, because the spies of Mossad have been staying in Iran as Muslims for the past two years. They have infiltrated even into the administrative machinery of Iran. It was on the basis of the information provided by them that Israel had made the strategy to attack Iran and destroy them. However, Iran's intelligence agencies got information about the dangerous intentions of Israel and the US and hence they moved their nuclear plants to unknown locations. The plans of Israel and the US were foiled due to the alertness of Iran's intelligence system. Following the recent action of Iran, Muslims across the world are getting united

Hindustan (June 30)

states that for the past 100 years, the US has been keeping the entire world as its slave. Now, for the first time it got a serious challenge from Iran. Iran has emerged as the most powerful nation among the Islamic countries. The newspaper criticised that the other Islamic countries in West Asia are dancing to the tunes of other Western countries including the US. Due to this, the concept of Islamic unity has been ruined. In the Muslim country of Gaza, the atrocities committed on the people of own community are being watched with silence. Can these countries claim to be followers of the Prophet of Allah? The Prophet of Allah had said that if a Muslim is hurt, then Muslims all over the world should feel it.

Chattan (June 23) states that the chairman of National Conference, Farooq Abdullah, has warned that if the Muslim world do not remain alert and united, Islam will be wiped out from the world. He condemned that the Muslims nations are silently watching the attack by Christian and Jewish nations on Iran, contrary to the teachings of the Prophet and Quran.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 19) said that the rulers of Arab countries have sold their conscience to the US. This is the reason why when Israel attacks Gaza and Iran, they remain mute spectators. The shameless rulers of Arab nations should remember that if their actions continue like this, their names will be written among the list of the traitors of Islam. They will be accused in the court of Allah and the history will never forgive their stand.

Defence deal worth 100 million dollars between Israel and Qatar

Inqilab (June 11) reports that the defence companies of Israel have decided to provide military equipment worth 100 million dollars to Qatar. Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has given his nod for the same. Israel has been supplying military equipment to Qatar for the past several years. However, there is no diplomatic relationship between the two countries. The interesting thing is that the headquarters of Iran-supported terrorist organisation Hamas is also located in Qatar. Qatar has been accused of not only providing shelter to the leaders of Hamas but has also been providing them financial resources.

It is worth mentioning that the decision taken by Israel to supply military equipment to Qatar includes weapons, ammunition, cyber technology and other modern weapons. Israeli defence company 'Elbit' has signed a defence deal worth 100



million dollars with Qatar. Similarly, another defence company 'Rafael' has also signed a defence deal worth more than 10 million dollars with Qatar. Meanwhile, 'Israel Aerospace Industries' has a long-standing relationship with Qatar. The head of this company had visited Doha more than 20 times. Similarly, a special delegation from Qatar had visited the office of Israel Aerospace Industries. Israeli newspaper 'The Times of Israel' has published a detailed report regarding this agreement.

Terrorists kill 100 people in Nigeria



Sahafat (June 18) states that more than 200 armed terrorists of Islamic terrorist organisation Al-Shabab attacked a village named Yelwata in Benue state and killed people. It is being said that the terrorists of Al-Shabab had been secretly staying in the village. A resident of the village informed the government forces about their presence

in the village. In retaliation against this, the terrorists set fire to the entire village. When the villagers were fleeing to save their lives, the terrorists opened fire at them. Those who were killed included women and children. Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu visited the spot and directed the army to launch an operation against the terrorists in the entire region. The reporters who visited the spot along with the President said that the entire village was burnt down and the bodies of children, women and men were strewn all around.

The President said that the attackers belonged to Islamic terrorist organisation

Al-Shabab. Al-Shabab is linked to notorious Islamic terrorist organisation Al-Qaida. He said that these Islamic terrorist organisations had created havoc in Nigeria in the past five years. During this period,

they had killed more than 12,000 innocent people. The government forces have liberated several areas of Nigeria from the terrorists. Nearly 7,000 armed terrorists have been arrested during this campaign.

19 people killed in blast in church in Syria



Roznama Sahara (June 23) states that a suicide attacker entered the Mar Elias Church located in Syrian capital Damascus and opened fire and then blew himself up. At least 19 people were killed in this blast while more than 50 people were injured. A huge crowd was present in the church when the blast took place. They had gathered there for prayers. The Syrian government condemned the suicide attack and said the attacker belonged to Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS. The attack was aimed at targeting the Christians offering prayers at the church. The army has cordoned off the entire region and took the injured to hospitals. The condition of many who

were admitted to hospitals was stated to be serious. The blast was so powerful that it was heard several kilometres away. The blast has seriously damaged the church.

The United Nations has condemned the attack and urged the Syrian government to take concrete steps to provide security to the minorities. The United Nations said there was a good Christian population in Syria earlier but the stand of the government there was against Christianity. In order to escape from the torture in Syria, Christians had to take refuge in other countries in large numbers. It is worth mentioning that the stand of the organisation that has taken the reins in Syria is also anti-Christian.

