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Summary

Recently, a three-day programme of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was organised at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi. Addressing the people present at the programme, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat stressed on social unity. He said that Indian Muslims are also our own and Islam should also stay in this country. We need to focus on increasing mutual harmony among different sections of society. He said that the next goal of the RSS is to reach every place, every mohalla and every village. He urged Swayamsevaks that people belonging to all religions and all communities in the society should be there in their friendship list so that everyone can celebrate festivals together. The Urdu newspapers are analysing Mohan Bhagwat's speech in their own way. Many Urdu newspapers stressed that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat should sent a message to his Swayamsevaks that they stop the campaign of hatred towards a particular community.

The Uttar Pradesh government in November last year had constituted a judicial commission to inquire into the violence that took place in Sambhal. Now this commission has submitted its report to the government. The excerpts of this report that have been broadcast in the media were very shocking. As per the report, during the independence of the country, the population of Hindus in the Sambhal municipal corporation area was 45 percent, whereas the population of Muslims was 55 percent. Later more than a dozen communal riots took place in Sambhal. Following these riots, a sense of insecurity arose among the Hindus and they started fleeing Sambhal. The result is that now the population of Hindus in Sambhal has come down to just 15 percent. It has been said in the report that the violence that took place in Sambhal during the survey of Jama Masjid last year was pre-planned. People were called from outside to spread riots here. It has been mentioned in the report that Samajwadi Party MP Ziaur Rahman Barq, legislator Iqbal Mahmood's son Suhail Iqbal and the managing committee of Jama Masjid had a major role in spreading the violence in Sambhal. The report has also revealed that several Islamic terrorist organisations including Al Qaida are active in this region.

The stand of Israel is becoming more aggressive day-by-day. It has stepped up its campaign to seize Gaza. The Israeli cabinet has also given its nod for the same. Recently, a meeting of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) took place in Saudi Arabia. In this meeting, it was demanded from the United Nations that Israel's membership in the UN should be cancelled because it had been continuously violating the charter of the United Nations. Israel recently carried out an attack on Yemen and wiped out the Houthi cabinet. Earlier it had also killed the top leadership of Hezbollah and Hamas. The Urdu newspapers in its editorial alleged the opposition to Israel in most Muslim countries is limited to media statements. Except Iran, no country has the courage to carry out an attack on Israel. These countries have left the innocent citizens of Gaza at the mercy of Israel.

There has been a new turn in the US policy recently. The Trump administration has imposed a ban on nearly 80 officials of Palestine including the President of Palestine Authority Mahmoud Abbas from entering the US. The US effort is to stop these Palestinian leaders from taking part in the meeting of the United Nations. It is worth mentioning that a few Western countries are going to move a proposal in the United Nations General Assembly to grant recognition to Palestine as an independent country. The European nations have condemned this decision of the US government. They demanded the Trump administration to withdraw its decision.



National

Reaction of Urdu Press to the views of Sangh chief



A three-day programme of RSS was organised at the Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi recently. Addressing those present at the event, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat openly aired his views on different issues. The Urdu media has given mixed reactions to it.

Inquilab (August 28) on its front page carried this programme as the second most important news of the day. Its headline was, "Hindustani Muslims are also our own." The newspaper published a special report of its special correspondent Ahmadullah Siddiqui. As per this report, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat, while emphasising on liberalism and harmony in life, said that in reality this is what religion is about. He said the next goal of the Sangh is to promote mutual contacts and communal amity among the followers of different classes and religions of the country. In a special lecture series organised at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi, Mohan Bhagwat said that though Islam and Christianity came from outside, the people who accepted them were natives of this place. These new religions arrived in our land through foreign invaders, but our *dharma* accepts all.

Bhagwat said there may be differences in our methods of worship, but our ancestors are the same and we should

move forward on this basis. He said the method of leading a balanced life is called religion. This is the middle path and the path of mutual brotherhood. Today's world is yearning for it. He said the next goal of RSS is to reach every place, every village and every mohalla. Bhagwat appealed to the Swayamsevaks that their friendship list should include people belonging to all communities and religions in the society so that they celebrate festivals together and share their happiness and difficulties. He said that the spirit of world peace and welfare must begin in Bharat and this would be possible only when we begin it from our home.

Talking about neighbouring countries, the Sangh chief said the geography, history, rivers and the people of Bharat, Pakistan and Bangladesh are all the same. Our effort should be to see that they get inspired by brotherly feelings and develop relations with us. Bhagwat said that when the Hindu society unites, a feeling of world peace will arise. We don't have to go everywhere and convert people, because religion follows nature. We need to lead a balanced life and set ourselves as an example so that other people also follow the same path. The Sarsanghchalak said that initially there was lot of opposition to

Sangh, but now this opposition has come down a lot. In its journey of 100 years, the Sangh has brought itself to a place where people listen to it attentively. Today many countries of the world wish to create organisations like RSS.

Mohan Bhagwat said that in order to connect with all communities in the society, there is a need for networking and mutual cooperation. If all the communities in the society get united, it would be easy to work towards social transformation. We should pay special attention to some things in matters of social relations. When we talk to each other, we should discuss ways to correct wrong traditions. We should consider what we can do to help any section of society that is weak. If we develop a spirit of cooperation, then there can be changes in the country.

Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat also told Swayamsevaks about a five-point formula. He stressed that those belonging to RSS should respect the Constitution and the law under all circumstances. If we do not do that, then the mischievous elements will get a chance to create trouble. While giving the advice of making the country self-reliant and adopting Swadeshi, Bhagwat said that people should avoid the use of foreign food items and fast food. However, it may be used occasionally. Mentioning about the US tariff, he said the world is dependent on each other. International trade is necessary, because it improves the relationship between the countries. However, it should not happen under some pressure. Friendship cannot flourish under pressure. In this event, more than a dozen Muslim leaders like the head of Inter-faith Harmony Foundation Dr Khwaja Iftikhar Ahmed, former chief election commissioner S Y Quraishi and Lt General Zameeruddin Shah (Retd) were present. This apart, prominent people belonging to other religions also took part in the event.

Aurangabad Times (August 29) states that on the concluding day of RSS's



lecture programme, Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat rejected the possibility of Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking sanyas from politics after turning 75 years of age. He said he also will be crossing the age of 75 years six days before the Prime Minister. Bhagwat clarified that he had never said he would retire after the age of 75 years or any other person should retire after 75 years of age. We will do what the Sangh tells us. We are always ready to retire at any point of time in life. We will continue to work till Sangh wants us to do so. He said that a few days ago, the media did not properly present his speech on the occasion of the release of a book on Moropant Pingle, "what I said about retirement at the age of 75 years was the thought of Moropant ji".

Chattan (August 31) states that the Sangh chief has advised people to have three children to maintain population balance. He said that the population should be kept under control, but it should not be to the extent that our existence is threatened.

Awadhnama (August 29) states that while talking about conversion, Mohan Bhagwat said that every individual has the right to adopt a religion of his choice but no allurements or pressure should be used for the same. He said the government is trying to stop illegal infiltrators from entering the country, but the society should also play its role in this connection. Instead of providing jobs to these infiltrators, we need to provide jobs to Muslims of our own country. He said that our tradition and



identity are the same. This sentiment should be there in every Indian. Our lifestyle, language and dialect may be different, but we are all Indians. Mentioning about changes in population ratio, Bhagwat said that the first reason for it is religious conversion, which is against our tradition. A few Muslim religious leaders had told me that forceful conversion is *haram* in Islam as well. The second reason is illegal infiltration. Due to this, there could be shortage of job opportunities and rise in social tension. The third reason is the rapid growth of population, stopping of which is very much necessary. He said we had never said that Islam will cease to exist in Bharat. Muslims are as much citizens of this country as we are. Caste system is an obstacle in the path of our development. We all have the same DNA. We need to keep an eye on population change, as it can have serious consequences.

Inquilab (August 31) states that former general secretary of Muslim organisation Emarat-e-Shariah, Maulana Anisur Rahman Qasmi said that when Mohan Bhagwat himself is admitting that Islam has been in this country for thousands of years and it will remain here then he should also accept that the masjids and dargahs of Muslims will also remain here. When Mohan Bhagwat says that

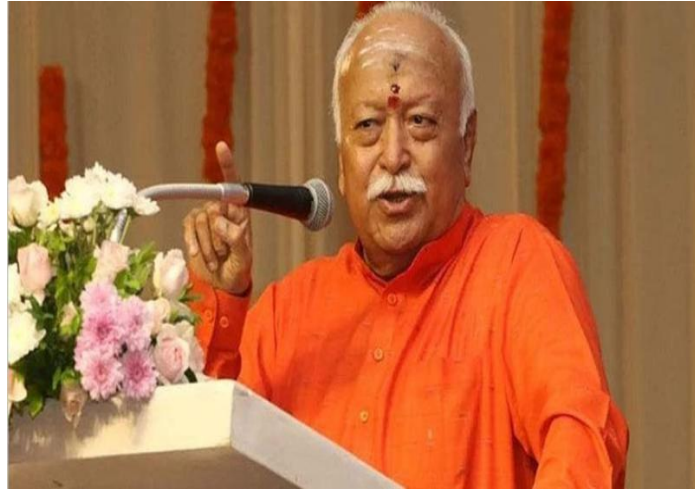
Muslims should abandon their claim on the masjids in Mathura and Kashi, then he himself is contradicting his statements. At one level he clarifies that RSS will not run any campaign for the same. On the other, he also says that if any Swayamsevak wants to take part in such a campaign, then he is free to do so.

Member of All India Muslim Personal Law Board Maulana Khalid Rashid Firangi Mahali said that staking claim on Kashi and Mathura is against the Constitution and the laws of the country. He said that during the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid controversy, Hindu organisations had said that if Muslims leave their claim on the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya then they will not make any fresh claims on Kashi, Mathura or any other masjids, but now claims are being made on every dargah and masjid. This is an open violation of the Places of Worship Act, 1991, passed by the Parliament.

The politburo of CPI (M) said that Mohan Bhagwat has once again tried to flare up the issues in Mathura and Kashi through his statement. The purpose is to incite communal sentiments and divert the attention of people from basic issues.

Qaumi Bharat (September 2) states that the leader of All India Muslim League Bashir Ahmed said that there is a huge difference in the words and actions of

Mohan Bhagwat. At one level, he talks about harmony between different religions, at another level people belonging to BJP and Sangh Parivar have stepped up their campaign of issuing hate speeches against Muslims, Christians and other non-Hindus. He said the country's only Muslim-majority state Jammu-Kashmir has been divided and brought under the Central government. The chief ministers of Uttar Pradesh and Assam are openly threatening Muslims and the buildings and masjids of Muslims there are demolished using bulldozers.



Etemaad (August 31) states that the chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi said the RSS has been spreading misconceptions against Muslims right from the beginning. Hindus are being instigated against Muslims by saying that Muslims give birth to 11 children each and enslave the Hindus of this country. However, this is a blatant lie. The fact is that the population of Muslims is rapidly declining. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board criticised the statement of Mohan Bhagwat and said he is making such false statements to cover up their anti-Muslim campaign.

Inquilab (August 29) in its editorial accused Mohan Bhagwat of adopting a double standard. The newspaper said that at one level, he claims about social harmony and brotherhood. On the other, he wants to paint this country in the colours of majoritarian culture. Bharat has always promoted the Ganga-Jamuni culture. This country can emerge strong when each of its citizen realizes that this land belongs to everyone. If any section feels that they are different from others and efforts are being made to destroy their identity, then it will create distrust and disintegration in the society, which will hinder the path of development. The newspaper said that there is nothing new in this speech of Bhagwat. He had given similar talks in the

past as well, but his claims remain on the paper only.

Taasir (August 29) in its editorial has welcomed the statement of Mohan Bhagwat during 3-day event. The newspaper said that the participation of representatives from 25 countries and important personalities from different sections of the society has increased its importance. It is worth mentioning that the RSS is celebrating its centenary. In this connection, it is launching a mass contract programme across the country on Vijayadashami Day. Its aim is to alert the nation and promote social harmony. The recent statement of Mohan Bhagwat has confirmed Bharat's old tradition of Vasudhaiva Kudumbakam.

The newspaper said that if the ideology of Hindu Rashtra is imposed on this country, it won't be acceptable to many communities in the country. Mohan Bhagwat did not say whose hands were behind the campaign launched by nationalists to trap girls belonging to other religions on the pretext of marriage and keep them away from Islam. The question is also that despite being prohibited by Mohan Bhagwat, at whose behest a campaign is being unleashed to search for temples beneath masjids and mazars across the country and harass the Muslims? Who is responsible for the atrocities committed on the followers of a particular religion in the name of nationalism and Jai Shree Ram?



Roznama Sahara (September 1) in its editorial said that at one level Mohan Bhagwat announces that Sangh will not take part in the agitations in Mathura and Kashi. On the other hand, he inflames the communal atmosphere by giving a free hand to the volunteers to participate in them.

This duplicity is nothing new. The Babri Masjid was destroyed under this old policy and a permanent wound was inflicted on the country. It should also be remembered that the reason for all the riots that have taken place across the country after 1992 is the provocative atmosphere created by the RSS and its affiliated organizations. In 1991, the Parliament had passed a law for the protection of religious places. It has been provided in this law that the status of places of worship shall be maintained as it was on August 15, 1947, but the RSS leadership had repeatedly flouted this law.

Mohan Bhagwat says that Muslims should leave their masjids in Kashi and Mathura for the sake of brotherhood. The question that arises here can this brotherhood be established by force? This demand is an open threat that Muslims will have to leave their centuries-old religious places, otherwise their patriotism will be questioned. This attitude of Mohan Bhagwat is not the basis of any national unity, but it is the poison of division and hatred. On the occasion of Independence Day, Prime Minister Modi had donned the role of an RSS pracharak from the ramparts

of the Red Fort instead of being the head of a democratic government. The inquiry commissions had time and again indicated the suspicious role of RSS in majority of the communal riots that took place in the country. In such a situation, the Prime Minister's open praise of RSS is a dangerous message. If an attempt is made to repeat the history of 1992, it will be a huge tragedy for this country.

Urdu Times (August 29) in its editorial said that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat has clarified that RSS has never been anti-Muslim, hence Muslims should be brought to the mainstream of the society. Mohan Bhagwat said the government is concerned about Muslims and it wants to give equal opportunity for them in development. The government is expelling infiltrators from the country so that Indian Muslims get more stake in jobs. Mohan Bhagwat has advised Muslims to increase their contact with Hindus and continue to interact with them so that social harmony grows. Bhagwat sometimes says such things, on which Muslims become happy. However, the truth is that the foundation of the RSS itself is based on hatred towards Muslims. If there is a change in the attitude of Mohan Bhagwat, then it is very good. The question is why the Modi government describes Muslims as puncture repairers and pakora fryers? Mohan Bhagwat knows everything, but he does not accept it. The day when he accepts it, it would be clear that the anti-Muslim attitude of the RSS has changed.

The newspaper said that if Mohan Bhagwat takes a look at the 100-year-old history of Sangh, then he would get to know why the RSS activists are given training in the use of lathi and weapons. Why is the 'shastra puja' programme held every year? Mohan Bhagwat says that they were never against Muslims, but will he be able to provide evidence for the same?

Today he is advising Muslims to join social mainstream, increase interactions with Hindus. The question is when did Muslims escape from it? Muslims have been helping their Hindu brothers at every turn, but the so-called Hindu organisations have been asking Hindus not to purchase goods from Muslims. They are chasing away Muslim cart vendors from Hindu mohallas. Why Mohan Bhagwat did not utter a word about it? Will



this encourage harmony? Before giving advice to Muslims, Mohan Bhagwat should ask Hindu organisations to create an atmosphere of mutual harmony instead of creating a market of hatred. RSS will have to take the initiative and break down the wall of hatred. This is the real test for Mohan Bhagwat. Only then will it be understood that there is no difference between his words and actions.

Qaumi Tanzeem (August 28) in its editorial said that Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat has said a meaningful thing that how many times Bhagwan Ram and Bhagwan Shiv will come to save the society and the country? The analysts are giving different meanings for this statement by him. Mohan Bhagwat has repeatedly reiterated that Hindu Rashtra does not mean opposing anyone or doing injustice to anyone, instead it is our responsibility to take the society along. Sangh chief said that even after 75 years of Independence, Bharat has not been able to get the place it deserves. He stressed on social change for the development of the country.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (August 28) in its editorial said that the recent speech of Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat and his meeting with maulanas is an indication that now Sangh is trying to assume a new role based on national unity, shared heritage

and social harmony. The question is whether this statement of Mohan Bhagwat is limited to the speech or will it also be given a credible form? If the RSS really wants to fulfil the dream of making Bharat a Vishwaguru, then he will have to instill in his workers the same sense of harmony and goodwill about which he is giving speeches. However, he has tried to give this message that our DNA is same. The question is whether the Sangh's approach is actually changing? The reality is that an attempt is being made to present the idea of a Hindu nation in a softer tone so that the edge of opposition to it could be blunted.

The newspaper said that during his talks with Muslim Ulema, though Mohan Bhagwat stresses on social harmony, a sustained campaign is being unleashed against Muslims. Madrasas are being abolished. Mob violence is encouraged. Interferences are made in hijab and shariah issues. In view of this, the statement on social harmony looks like a mere rhetoric. The view of Muslim thinker Imam Umar Ahmed Illyasi cannot be overlooked that the only path to remove misunderstanding is to hold talks. If the Sangh and its leadership is serious on this issue, then it has to change the hate speeches and activities of its workers, otherwise this drama will remain only as a propaganda.

Report on Sambhal violence handed over to government



Qaumi Bharat (August 29) reports that the three-member judicial commission constituted to inquire into the violence that took place in Sambhal last year has handed over its report to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. According to sources, the report comprises 450 pages. It also includes details about the earlier riots in Sambhal apart from the violence that took place on November 24, 2024. As per the report, the total population of Hindus in the Sambhal Municipal Corporation area in 1947 was 45 percent, whereas the total population of Muslims was 55 percent. Now the population of Muslims increased to 85 percent and the population of Hindus declined to just 15 percent. After Independence, a total of 15 communal riots took place in Sambhal. It is worth mentioning that four persons were killed and many were injured in the violence that took place during the survey held at the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal on November 24, 2024. In this connection, 12 FIRs have been registered and 80 people have been arrested.

It has been claimed in this report that the highest damages were suffered by Hindus in every major riots that took place in Sambhal and the population ratio changed after every riot. In the violence that took place in 2024, the plan to target

Hindus was already made. For this, the rioters were called from outside. It has been said in the report that Hindu colonies were saved from major destruction due to the presence of police. It has also been said in the report that several Islamic terrorist groups including Al Qaida were active in Sambhal. This apart, illegal weapons and narcotics smuggling are active in the region. The report also mentions about the riots that took place between the Turks and Pathans.

Aurangabad Times (September 1) reports that a few hours after this report was handed over to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, it got leaked in the media. Only those portions of the report where Muslims were held responsible for the violence got leaked. Following the leak of the report, a political storm erupted in Uttar Pradesh. Opposition parties say that the report was leaked with the intention of communal polarisation. On the other hand, principal secretary to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Sanjay Prasad said the report was confidential. He said the report will be presented before the cabinet for consideration. After examining the report, it would be tabled in the Assembly.

In the reports published in the media, Samajwadi Party MP Ziaur Rahman Barq, Samajwadi Party MLA Iqbal Mahmood's

son Suhail Iqbal and the managing committee of Jama Masjid have been accused of spreading violence, gathering mobs and using foreign weapons. Former IPS officer and the chief of Azad Adhikar Sena Amitabh Thakur wrote a letter to Chief Minister Yogi and demanded that a high-level investigation be held into the leak of certain portions of this confidential report.

Qaumi Tanzeem (September 1) states that the national spokesperson of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Vinod Bansal said the report has opened the eyes of the country. He said that the conspiracy being hatched to make Sambhal a terrorist base will not be tolerated. Due to the policy of appeasement of Jihadis after Independence, the original residents of Sambhal had to flee from there to save their life and faith.

According to knowledgeable sources, it has also been mentioned in the report that the foreign invaders had converted the Shiv Mandir into a masjid. The report also mentions of the battle between the Muslim Turks of foreign origin and the native Muslims who converted to Islam.

Urdu Times (August 31) states that it has also been claimed in this report that foreign weapons were used in the violence that took place in November 2024. Majority of these weapons were manufactured in the US. Samajwadi Party and Congress alleged that the BJP had leaked the confidential report for social polarisation.

Inquilab (August 30) states that after a few portions of the inquiry report in the Sambhal violence got leaked in the media, politics got heated up in Uttar Pradesh. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath targeted Samajwadi Party and the Congress during an inauguration ceremony in Pratapgarh. He said that the inquiry report in the Sambhal riots has proved that Hindus were selectively targeted during the regimes of Samajwadi Party and Congress



governments. On the other hand, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has rejected this claim of the chief minister. He said that the BJP and its allies are trying to cover up the failures of their own government by raising the issue of the sentiments of a particular community. He alleged that the present government is promoting communal tension and hatred among the different communities of the state.

Urdu Times (August 23) states that the Supreme Court has ordered status quo on Jama Masjid premises at Sambhal till the next date of hearing. It is worth mentioning that the masjid managing committee had filed a petition before the Supreme Court questioning the May 19, 2025 verdict of Allahabad High Court. On behalf of masjid managing committee, senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi argued in the court that the order of the high court is not in accordance with the law. He said that Allahabad High Court had opined that this case was not registered under the Places of Worship Act, 1991. Ahmadi asked whether the order of the lower court isn't a violation of Places of Worship Act, 1991? On this, Justice P S Narasimha said that the issue shall be handed over to the Constitution bench hearing the Places of Worship Act.

On the other hand, lawyer for Hindu side Vishnu Shankar Jain told the court that this masjid is a protected monument. The Places of Worship Act, 1991 cannot be applied on this issue. He claimed that evidences related to the temple are being erased at the controversial site, hence it is necessary to conduct a survey there. It is worth mentioning that this dispute began

from a petition filed by the Hindu side. In November 2024, the Hindu side filed a petition before a court in Chandausi claiming that this masjid was constructed after destroying an ancient Hindu temple in 1526. The lower court appointed an advocate commissioner to inquire into this case. Following this, communal riots broke out in this area. On this, the masjid managing committee approached the Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court handed over the case to Allahabad High

Court. In May 19, 2025, the Allahabad High Court, while rejecting the petition of the masjid managing committee, said the appointment of the advocate commissioner was as per law and the provisions of Places of Worship Act, 1991, are not applicable in this case. Following this, the Muslim side again approached the Supreme Court. Now the Supreme Court has directed that the status quo shall be maintained in the Jama Masjid in Sambhal till the next date of hearing.

Eviction of Bangla-speaking Muslims from Assam stopped



Inquilab (August 24) states that the Supreme Court has issued an interim stay on the Assam government's drive to evict Bangla-speaking Muslims from the forest department land in Golaghat. The newspaper said that the BJP government in the state has prepared a plan to evict more than 2,000 families and destroy their houses using bulldozers in Golaghat district. The state government says that these people have illegally occupied the government land belonging to forest department. This action is being taken to remove this illegal occupation. The Supreme Court has temporarily stayed this plan of the state government.

Earlier, the petitioners had filed an appeal against the decision of the state government before the Gauhati High Court, but the high court had rejected their appeal.

The court had described the action of the state government to free illegal occupation of government land as appropriate. While approaching the Supreme Court against this verdict of the high court, the victims said that they were staying in that place for the past 70 years. They produced ration card and electricity bill in the court as evidences for their claim. This apart, they also claimed to have got their names and that of their parents' name included in the voters' list. Their claim is that they were the original residents of Uriaghat village in Golaghat.

The newspaper claimed that in Assam, the Bengalis, especially Bangla-speaking Muslims are on the target of BJP. Muslims who speak Bengali have been described as illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators and expelled from the state. Notices were issued to the residents of Uriaghat village in Golaghat district on behalf of the state government in July 2025. In this notice, it had been stated that they have illegally occupied the land belonging to forest department. They were ordered to vacate the land within seven days. The petitioners say that this decision of the state government is an open violation of the orders of the Supreme Court, in which it

had been prescribed that if any individual is evicted, he should be given an opportunity to present his side and alternative arrangements shall be made for his rehabilitation.

The newspaper said that the state government has decided to forcibly evict

the people residing in these places. More than 3,000 families are residing in 4,900 acres of land in Golaghat, majority of whom are Bangla-speaking Muslims. The Assam government has evicted more than 3,500 families from four districts in June and July months.

Allahabad High Court orders opening of sealed madrasas



Urdu Times (August 22) states that the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court has ordered that the 30 madrasas in Shravasti district which were shut down by the state government shall be opened immediately and all restrictions imposed on their educational activities shall be removed. This order was issued by a single-bench of Justice Pankaj Bhatia while hearing a petition filed by Jamiat Ulema. A case was registered against the decision of the government in the high court on behalf of 26 madrasas. Commenting about the verdict of the court, chief of Jamiat Ulema, Maulana Mahmoud Madani said this was a victory for the protection of the madrasas as well as for justice and the Constitution.

Inquilab (August 23) states that the new Registrar of Uttar Pradesh Madarsa Board Anjana Sirohi directed the minorities welfare officers of all districts to submit to

the government documents regarding the income, property and registration of all the madrasas in the state within three days. She said the minorities welfare officials of all the districts were directed on July 8, 2025, that they provide all the information regarding the madrasas functioning in their respective districts, but till now information has been received from only three districts and that itself were incomplete.

Urdu Times (August 27) states that while hearing a petition filed by the chief of Jamiat Ulema, Arshad Madani, on October 21, 2024, a three-member bench headed by the then Chief Justice of Supreme Court D Y Chandrachud stayed the action taken by the government against madrasas across the country. In its verdict, the court had said that until this issue is resolved through the court, the government shall not issue any notice in this

connection. Despite this direction by the court, the governments have been continuously taking action against Islamic madrasas in several states including Uttar Pradesh, Tripura and Jharkhand. On this, the Jamiat Ulema filed a petition before the Supreme Court and alleged that despite a stay order by the Supreme Court, different state governments are targeting the madrasas. On this, the Supreme Court on May 14, 2025 directed Jamiat Ulema to file the petition before the Uttarakhand High Court in this connection.

The Jamiat Ulema filed a petition before the Uttarakhand High Court and alleged that as per the Uttarakhand Madarsa Education Board Act, 2016, it is neither mandatory for the madrasas to register themselves, nor non-registered madrasas could be called illegal. It has also been said in the petition that it has been clearly mentioned in the Right to Education (Amendment) Act, 2012 that the Right to Education Act will not be applicable on madrasas, Ved Pathshalas and other religious education institutions. It had been stressed in the petition that in the Indian Constitution, minorities are given the right to establish their educational institutions and operate them without any hinderance. In Uttarakhand, it is unconstitutional and discriminatory to target madrasas alone.

The Uttarakhand High Court, after hearing the arguments of senior lawyer Sanjay Hegde on behalf of Jamiat Ulema, directed the Uttarakhand government to file an affidavit in the court. Hegde alleged that madrasas are shut down without giving any notice to them. Whereas as per the madrasa law, registration of madrasas is not mandatory. Opposing this petition, the



government lawyer said that Jamiat Ulema has no legal right to file a petition in this matter. The madrasas against which action have been taken did not approach the court. On this, Chief Justice G Narendra asked Hegde that if you are not an affected party, then why should the court hear their petition? On this Hegde said that this matter is not just about shutting down of madrasas, instead any individual could file a petition in the court against the arbitrariness of the government. Our request is that the court should stop the government from being arbitrary and direct it to follow the law. Hegde said that the action being taken against madrasas at the behest of the government is a violation of Articles 14, 15, 19, 25, 26 and 30.

Hindustan (August 20) alleged that the Uttarakhand government is continuously pursuing anti-Muslim policies. In the past days, a drive was undertaken to demolish dargahs and mazars in the state. Later a campaign was launched against madrasas as well. As part of this campaign, hundreds of madrasas were shut down for not being registered. Now the state government is preparing to bring another law in the Assembly to erase the separate identity of Muslims. Under this, the madrasa act is being scrapped.

Is the marriage of a 16-year-old Muslim girl legal?



Aurangabad Times (August 20) states that in an important judgment, the Supreme Court has declared the *nikah* of a 16-year-old Muslim girl as legal. The court also upheld the verdict of the Haryana and Punjab High Court directing protection to the girl, her child and her 30-year-old husband. The Supreme Court, while reprimanding the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said if the high court had offered protection to the minor girl and her child under Article 226 of the Constitution, then it has no right to question it.

It is worth mentioning that a 16-year-old girl, Ashiyana, had married a 30-year-old man named Javed. After *nikah*, she gave birth to a child. The relatives of Javed opposed it. On this, the couple sought protection from the Punjab and Haryana High Court. While hearing their petition, the high court said that the age of the girl is more than 15 years, hence as per the Muslim Personal Law her marriage with the man is legal. The NCPCR questioned the verdict of the high court before the Supreme Court. The commission said that this *nikah* is a violation of Child

Marriage Prohibition Act, and the POCSO Act. Hence it should be declared as illegal. On behalf of NCPCR, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati argued in the court that a 15-year-old girl is not considered legally and mentally fit for marriage. Hence the verdict of the high court shall be scrapped.

A Supreme Court bench comprising Justice B V Nagaratna and Justice R Mahadevan, while rejecting this argument, said that there is no age limit for marriage in the Muslim Personal Law, instead attaining puberty is enough for marriage. Generally, the age of 15 years is considered legal for marriage. It is worth mentioning under the Child Marriage Prohibition Act, the minimum age for marriage of a girl is prescribed as 18 years. Hence the Muslim Personal Law and this law is considered as contradictory. The Supreme Court told the NCPCR that if the girl is living happily with her husband and the child, then what is your objection. The court said that direction given by the high court to give protection to them as per the Constitution is correct.

Ban on Palestine President, officials from entering USA



Roznama Sahara (August 31) states that a spokesperson of the US State Department announced that the President of Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas will not be given permission to take part in the United Nations General Assembly session to be held in New York in September. The US has revoked the visa of all officials of Palestinian Authority including President Abbas. It is being said that France has announced that it would recognise Palestine as a nation during the United Nations General Assembly session in September 2025. The US government has warned the Palestinian Authority against taking efforts to secure the support of international institutions to wage a legal battle against this decision. The US government claimed that due to the announcement made by some countries across the world announcing recognition to Palestine, the ceasefire efforts in Gaza has suffered a major blow and Hamas has refused to release the hostages.

Spokesperson of Mahmoud Abbas condemned the decision of the US and said that it is an open violation of international laws. This apart, the US is flouting the rules regarding the entry to the United Nations headquarters. Palestine has

observer status in the United Nations and hence it is illegal to stop the Palestine delegation from taking part in the United Nations General Assembly session. The US has to reconsider its decision in this connection so that the Palestine delegation can go to the United Nations headquarters based in New York. According to Palestine's official news agency 'Wafa,' the office of President Mahmoud Abbas said that it will try to ensure that the US follows international laws and we will be permitted to take part in the meeting because we are legally entitled to it.

Palestine Ambassador to United Nations Riyad Mansour told journalists that the 89-year-old President Mahmoud Abbas was coming to address the United Nations General Assembly as per the scheduled programme. Now we will see what effect the US decision will have on our President and the delegation. We will take necessary action only after that. A spokesperson of the United Nations said it is necessary that the leaders of all countries take part in the United Nations General Assembly session. Palestine is also included in it.

On the other hand, Israel welcomed the US decision and described it as a bold step. On the other hand, France said the US

has made a mistake by imposing such a ban. It has no right to stop any individual from taking part in the United Nations General Assembly session. Spokesperson of European Union said the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly is a world platform where everyone should have the right to participate and no kind of restrictions should be imposed in this connection. The US said that some Palestinian representatives are not eligible to get visa due to security reasons. Whereas six countries of European Union said the US



has no right to impose such a ban. The Palestinians have every right to present their opinion before the world community.

Ban on sending girls to madrasas in Afghanistan



Aurangabad Times (August 22) states that the Taliban government in Afghanistan has decided not to send girls to madrasas to receive religious education. It is being said that a meeting of Taliban cabinet took place recently. At this meeting, some ministers stressed that it is not wrong to send girls to madrasas to receive religious education and in this connection, the pressure exerted on Taliban government by different countries in the world should not be overlooked. On this, the supreme leader of Taliban Hibatullah Akhundzada said that even during the time of Rashidun Caliphate, women did not have permission to go to masjids. Even Hazrat Aiysha and Hazrat Fatima also never went to a masjid to offer namaz. Even Rasool-e-Pak did not

allow any woman to go to madrasa to receive religious education.

It is worth mentioning that Taliban captured power in Afghanistan in 2021. Before that, the then President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani fled to a foreign country from Kabul. Following this, the Taliban government imposed a complete ban on education of girls in Afghanistan. Later,

women and girls were banned from entering medical colleges and nursing schools in the country. There is no woman doctor or nurse present in any hospital in the country. This apart, the Taliban government has also banned women from visiting public places and prohibited them from travelling in public vehicles. There is also a complete ban on music in Afghanistan. Recently, more than a dozen people were arrested on charges of keeping musical instruments. Taliban has announced that those women who violate the Shariah will be punished with public flogging.

Urdu Times (August 22) states that Hibatullah Akhundzada has directed the education department that no woman shall

be allowed in Islamic madrasas, because in some madrasas along with Islamic education, Maths, Science and other languages are also taught. It is being said that a few ministers of the cabinet had also presented a few ayats of Quran and the Hadis, in which it had been said that it was necessary to provide same education to

boys and girls. On this, Akhundzada said that it had been clearly mentioned in Islam that no woman or girl should move outside her house. In case she goes out of her house, at least one man should accompany her. Women who were working in different schools, colleges and shops in Afghanistan had been terminated from their jobs.

Pakistan refuses to apologise for genocide committed in Bangladesh



Urdu Times (August 25) states that Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Ishaq Dar has refused to apologise for the genocide and the gang-rape of women that took place in Bangladesh in 1971. Almost every party in Bangladesh had demanded that Pakistan should publically apologise for the massacre and the incidents of torture of Bengalis that took place in Bangladesh in 1971. Ishaq Dar met the foreign affairs minister of the caretaker government in Bangladesh Mohammad Touhid Hossain at Dhaka. Following this meeting, while talking to correspondents, Dar said that various issues between the two countries have been resolved. We need to find solution to the rest of the issues as well, because the two countries are coming closer after forgetting their old differences.

It is worth mentioning that ever since Muhammed Yunus took power in Bangladesh, his inclination has shifted

Pakistan. Pakistan's refusal to apologise for the massacre of Bengalis during the Bangladesh liberation struggle in 1971 has hindered relations between the two countries. Ishaq Dar did not give any clear answer to the questions raised by the correspondents on the issue of apology and he evaded the matter. However, Bangladeshis do not believe this. In 1971, during the campaign for liberation of Bangladesh in East Pakistan, the Pakistani army had brutally killed thousands of Bengalis and gang-raped women. Hence there is

widespread anger among the people of Bangladesh against the Pakistani army.

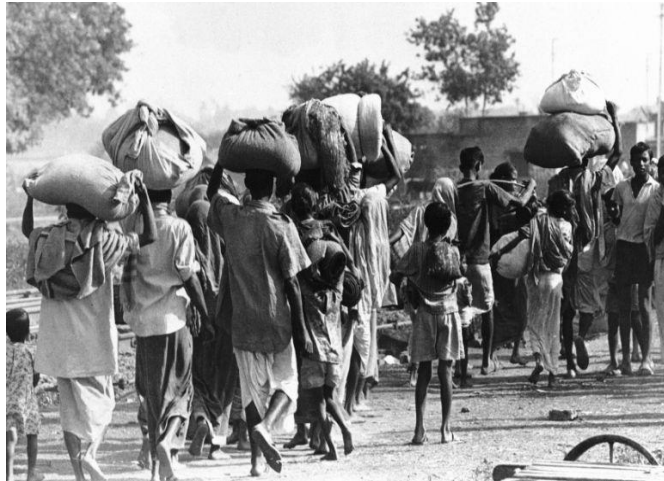
Hindustan Express (August 26) states that for the first time after a gap of 13 years, a foreign affairs minister of Pakistan visited Bangladesh. Earlier, Pakistan's minister for trade had also visited Bangladesh and the two countries had agreed to improve the trade between them. A spokesperson of the foreign ministry of Bangladesh said that the visit of Pakistan's ministers to Bangladesh was a success and both the countries are making efforts to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries. The two countries signed six agreements. These agreements are related to trade, agriculture, education, energy and military cooperation. In this meeting, it was also agreed to adopt a liberal policy on issuing visa between the two countries. Ishaq Dar said that Pakistan has agreed to provide scholarship to 500

Bangladeshi students for higher studies in Pakistan.

Chattan (August 26) states that foreign affairs minister Mohammad Touhid Hossain told correspondents that the Bangladesh government has demanded the Pakistan government should publically apologise for the atrocities committed by the Pakistani army on Bengalis during the liberation struggle of 1971. Apart from this, there was also discussion about the division of both the assets and handing over the foreign exchange of Bangladesh's share to Bangladesh. Touhid Hossain said that he does not agree with the statement given by Pakistan's foreign minister regarding the public apology.

It is worth mentioning that a meeting of Islamic nations was held in Lahore in February 1974. The first President of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was also invited to this meeting. Till then, Bangladesh had been getting recognition as an independent country, but despite pressure from Bangladesh, Pakistan did not apologise for the incidents that took place in 1971. In retaliation, Bangladesh had threatened that it would register war crimes against 195 Pakistanis who were taken into custody during the 1971 war. In April 1974, an agreement was reached between the foreign ministers of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Bharat. In this agreement, Pakistan had stated that if the Pakistani army had committed war crimes, the Pakistan government condemns the same. The then prime minister of Pakistan Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had appealed to the people of Bangladesh that they forget history and move forward. Later in 2002, the then President of Pakistan General Pervez Musharraf also visited Bangladesh, but Bangladesh has been denied its share in the government assets of undivided Pakistan.

BBC states that Bangladesh has a different view regarding Pakistan not apologising for the crimes. Pakistan's



former high commissioner in Bangladesh Ashraf Qureshi said it was mentioned in the agreement signed between the two countries as well but Bangladesh was not happy about it. Secretary of Bangladesh Nationalist Party says that until Pakistan offers a public apology, the people of Bangladesh will not be happy. A leader of Jamaat-e-Islami said that currently there is no India-supported government in Bangladesh and hence Pakistan should try to resolve the issue instead of making it a technical issue.

Qaumi Bharat (August 26) states that the citizenship issue of lakhs of people of Bangladeshi origin residing in Pakistan and the Urdu-speaking people residing in Bangladesh still remains. The governments of both the countries have not issued national identity certificates to them. This apart, they are facing lot of difficulty in getting the passport. More than 5 lakh people of Bengali origin are residing in Karachi and other parts of Pakistan. These people had arrived in Western Pakistan before 1971 to stay in undivided Pakistan. Now their three generations are born in Pakistani land and they have been assimilated into the Pakistani culture. Despite this, Pakistan government is not ready to give them citizenship. Similarly, the number of Urdu-speakers staying in Bangladesh is said to be more than 15 lakh. They are originally from regions like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Telangana. During the Partition of India, these people

fled from their houses and went to East Pakistan. Since then they are staying there. The Bangladeshis have this complaint that these people had sided with Pakistan during the Bangladesh liberation struggle and committed atrocities on Bangla-speaking

people. The Bangladesh government has not given them citizenship till today and they are kept away from the mainstream. Government jobs and the benefits being provided by the government are not available to them.

Flames of terrorism rage in Pakistan

BBC Urdu (September 2) reports that at least 15 people were killed and more than 100 injured in a suicide bomb blast that took place during a rally of Balochistan National Party (BNP) in Quetta. Balochistan's Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar said an Emergency has been declared in entire Balochistan and all the hospitals in the province have been directed to remain prepared to admit the injured persons. This apart, people have been requested to donate blood in more and more numbers so that the injured could be saved. Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti described it as a terrorist attack.



According to police, the blast took place during the conclusion of a rally organised on the 14th death anniversary of the founder of BNP and the first chief minister of Balochistan Sardar Ataullah Mengal. In this meeting, BNP president Sardar Akhtar Mengal, president of Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party Mahmud Khan Achakzai, general secretary of National Party Mir Kabir Ahmed and leader of Awami National Party Azghar Khan Achakzai took part. Akhtar Khan Mengal announced that a three-day national mourning will be observed in the entire Balochistan. Till now, no organisation has claimed responsibility for this attack. This rally was organised at the behest of Pakistan-supported Baloch parties.

As per another news, terrorists carried out an attack on the Banno Cantonment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. At least six soldiers were killed in this attack.

Whereas the army killed seven terrorists in retaliatory action. The public relations wing of Pakistan army (ISPR) claimed that the hands of a neighbouring country were behind this attack.

Urdu Times (August 27) states that the terrorists carried out an attack on the Frontier Constabulary of Pakistan in Hangu district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Five security personnel were killed in this attack. The army imposed a curfew in the entire region after the incident.

Jung (September 2) reports that at least six persons were killed in an attack on a passenger vehicle in Kurram district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The ISPR has confirmed that all those who were killed belonged to the Sunni sect. Whereas the attackers were said to belong to Shia terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Fatimin. In order to stop a possible clash between the two communities, the army imposed a curfew in the entire region and sealed the roads. All the citizens were told to remain indoors at their homes, otherwise they will be shot at.

Stringent Islamic law in Malaysia



Urdu Times (August 21) states that the Malaysian government has imposed a new law in the country. As per this law, if any person does not offer namaz five times a day, then he will get a punishment of two years in jail. This apart, he also has to pay a fine of Rs 1 lakh. International human rights organisations criticised this law and said that Malaysia is also travelling on the path of fundamentalist nations like Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. Earlier, there was this provision in Malaysian law that if a person does not offer namaz for three days, he will be awarded a jail term of six months and a fine of 1,000 Ringgit (Malaysian currency). Now this law has been made more

stringent. In this connection, a special religious police have been formed, who will raid different places and arrest those who do not offer namaz. Ministry for Islamic affairs appealed to the people of Malaysia that they provide information to the government about those who violate the directives in Islam and those who do not offer namaz. There is a two-tier judicial system in Malaysia. There is a civil law for general public and a Shariah law for Muslims, which will be applicable on the 66 percent population of Muslims. This apart, there is a provision to award a 10-year-jail term on charges of insulting the Prophet of Islam in Malaysia.

Israel wipes out entire Houthi cabinet including prime minister



Etemaad (August 31) reports that the Houthi government in Yemen has confirmed that 12 ministers including the Houthi Prime Minister Ahmed Al-Rahawi were killed in an Israeli air strike three days ago. Al-Rahawi took over as the prime minister in August 2024. As per an official statement, the attack took place during a meeting of the Houthi cabinet. Israeli military claimed that it has destroyed several important military bases of Houthi rebels during the attack carried out in Sanaa. This apart, the entire cabinet of the Houthi government has been wiped out.

It is worth mentioning that the Houthi rebels are linked to Iran. Ten years ago, they attacked Yemen and forced the government there to vacate its capital Sanaa. Since then, the officially recognized government of Yemen is being run from Saudi Arabia. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman had carried out attacks on the Houthis, but did not succeed in it. The Houthis have blockaded the Red Sea in the past two years. Their claim is that their blockade is against the Israeli attack on Gaza. Since then, the Houthi rebels have been regularly attacking the ships of Israel and its allied countries. As per an announcement made from the

presidential office of Houthis, “The blood of the martyrs will be fuel and motivation to continue on this path. We promise Yemeni people, the oppressed Palestinian people and all freedom-loving people of the world that we will remain steadfast in our support for Gaza. We will continue to build our forces and develop our capabilities to face all challenges and dangers.”

Inquilab (August 31) states that Israel has claimed that it has killed the spokesperson of Hamas’s armed wing Al Qassam Brigade, Abu Ubaida, in an air strike in Gaza. Hamas also confirmed the development.

Roznama Sahara (August 31) states that Israeli Defence Forces has claimed that it has killed a senior commander of Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS, Mohammad Abd Al-Aziz Abu Zubaida, in Gaza. Abu Zubaida has been working as the head of the ISIS in this region. It is worth mentioning that earlier Israel had wiped out the top commanders of Hamas and Hezbollah.

Roznama Sahara (August 31) states that the US has claimed that Hezbollah has been ready for disarmament due to the efforts of Qatar and Saudi Arabia. An economic zone is being created in South



government is putting pressure on it for disarmament, but they are not ready for it. Naim Qassem said the Lebanon government is stressing on the disarmament of Hezbollah, because the US and Israel are putting pressure on it. If Hezbollah is disarmed, only Israel will benefit from it. He said that the US and Israel are responsible for the problems of Lebanon. In order to resolve the crisis of Lebanon, it is necessary to stop the

Lebanon to provide alternative employment to its cadre. Lebanon President Joseph Aoun told journalists that in order to economically strengthen Lebanon, it is necessary to promote foreign investments in the country. All Gulf countries including Saudi Arabia have assured to make investments in Lebanon.

Urdu Times (August 27) states that the chief of Hezbollah Sheikh Naim Qassem refuted the news that Hezbollah is ready for disarmament. He said the weapons of Hezbollah are necessary for the defence of Lebanon. We will not leave those weapons which protect us. These weapons protect our honour and our land from invaders. He said that the Lebanon

Israeli attack on Lebanon immediately. Qassem said that Israel should withdraw its military from those regions which it had occupied. The Lebanese prisoners should be freed. Only after this that the reconstruction of the country could begin.

Awadhnama (August 28) states that Iran has been regularly supplying weapons to Houthi rebels and the Hezbollah. This has increased Israel's concern. The newspaper claimed that the Ben Gurion airport in Israel suffered huge damages as the Houthis fired missiles on Israel and it has been shut down for the time being. Israel could not have imagined that Yemen's Houthi rebels would use sophisticated missiles to attack its territory.

OIC demands United Nations to cancel Israel's membership

Avadhnama (August 27) reports that the foreign ministers of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) demanded the United Nations that Israel's membership in the United Nations shall be cancelled because it has been consistently violating the laws of the United Nations. In the meeting of the foreign ministers of OIC member countries in Saudi Arabia, it has been decided to give a befitting reply to Israel's efforts to seize Gaza and to render the Palestinian people there homeless. They said the Arab countries will foil any Israeli conspiracy at any cost. In this meeting, a

concern was also expressed over the announcement made by Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu regarding Greater Israel and said that it is a direct attack by Israel on the freedom of Arab countries. It is clear from the statement of Prime Minister Netanyahu that Israel wants to crush Arab countries under its expansionist policy. It is a violation of international laws and the charter of United Nations.

In this meeting, an appeal has been made to Muslims across the world that they get united to foil the intentions of Israel and



support the demands of Palestine people's right for self-determination, return of the Palestinian refugees and establishment of an independent Palestine state. In this meeting, it has been alleged that the Israel army is carrying out a campaign of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israel army is constantly hindering the supply of food items, water and medical facilities to the victims in Gaza. In this meeting, Israel has been asked to immediately stop all military operations and end the blockade in Gaza so that relief materials could be provided to the people there. In the meeting, support has been extended to the efforts taken by Egypt, Qatar and the US for ceasefire. It has also been demanded that the Israel army shall immediately vacate all unauthorised areas. Following this, a meeting of Arab countries has been called at Egypt capital Cairo, where Arab and other Islamic nations can allocate financial resources to help Gaza and for its reconstruction.

Urdu Times (August 28) reports that Israel has no fear of OIC. It knows that there are serious differences among the 57 Muslim nations in the world and they would not agree to take any concrete step against Israel through consensus. Israel knows that OIC has no joint military power or financial power, which could be of any

kind of threat to Israel. Till today, the Arab nations have not taken any step against Israel other than issuing statements. The newspaper alleged that several nations of OIC condemn Israel on public platforms, but in reality, these nations have close relations with Israel. Turkiye makes tall claims about Israel, but its embassy is functioning in Tel Aviv even today. In 2024, Turkiye had announced cutting off trade relationship with Israel, but the trade between these two countries continues secretly. Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's son has a major contribution in the trade with Israel. His shipping company is consistently supplying goods to Israel.

Recently Turkiye's foreign affairs minister had alleged that Azerbaijan is supplying gas and petrol to Israel in Egypt's name. Meanwhile, though Pakistan has not openly granted any recognition to Israel, till today it has not taken any credible step against Israel. Despite Iran's appeals, Pakistan did not supply arms to it, and its sympathy with Iran remained limited to words only. The relationship of Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait with Israel is not hidden from anyone. Muslim countries like Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan have diplomatic relationship with Israel. This is the reason why Israel is neither

scared of the statements of OIC and nor is it prepared to make any kind of changes in its agenda.

In a news published in this newspaper on August 27 edition, it has been said that at a meeting held in Istanbul, the president of International Union of Muslim Scholars Habib Salem Saqqaf Al-Jafri demanded all Muslim nations to cut-off all their relations with Israel and unitedly put pressure on United Nations Security Council to immediately stop military operations in Gaza.

Qaumi Bharat (August 26) in its editorial alleged that the rulers of Arab countries are shedding crocodile tears for the victims of Gaza. The newspaper said had these countries been serious, they would have stopped the supply of oil to the

US. The interesting thing is that among the countries that have issued threats to Israel includes Iran. Whether one considers it good or bad, the truth is that Iran wants the Gaza residents to fight the war on their own. Though Iran has been extending help to the rebel organisations, it does not have the courage to carry out an attack against Israel on its own. Iran's defence minister said the missiles that Iran had used against Israel were quite old. We deliberately did not use most modern weapons. From this statement of Iran's defence minister, the question that arises is whether those weapons are just for decoration? The truth is that the Arab countries are sitting on the lap of Israel. Why would they harm the Jews? The brotherhood of Muslims across the world is just a lie.

Australia cuts off diplomatic relationship with Iran



Roznama Sahara (August 27) states that Australia has announced cutting off diplomatic relationship with Iran. Earlier, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese had announced at a press conference that his government has decided to expel the Iran Ambassador from the country. He alleged that Iran was carrying out attacks on Jewish citizens in Australia. He said we will not tolerate it under any circumstance that a foreign power interferes in the internal affairs of our country and puts the security of our citizens in danger. Albanese said we have shut down our

Embassy located in Tehran and have called back our Ambassador. The other employees of the Embassy have been sent to other countries so that they could remain safe there. Prime Minister Albanese said we have declared Iranian organisation Pasharan-e-Inquilab (IRGC) as a terrorist organisation and necessary action is being taken against it. Following this announcement by Albanese, tension between Australia and Iran increased further.

Prime Minister Albanese said in the investigations conducted by security agencies, the hands of terrorists linked to Iran were found behind the attacks on a Jewish restaurant in Sydney and on a Sunni masjid in Melbourne. He said that after war broke out between Israel and Hamas in October 2023, Jews in many cities of Australia were attacked. Australia's intelligence agencies have credible evidence with them in this connection. Earlier, Australia's foreign

affairs minister Penny Wong during interactions with journalists claimed that Australia had directed the Iranian Ambassador and other employees of the Embassy to leave the country within three days. Along with this, the Australian Embassy located in Tehran was also shut down.

According to **Inqilab** (August 27), it has been claimed in a report of Australian government that Iran-sponsored terrorists attacked the houses, schools, vehicles and the places of worship of Jews in Australia after October 2023. Several Jews were killed

in these attacks and their properties were set on fire.

Qaumi Bharat (August 28) states that a worship place of Jews was targeted in Australia two days ago. In this connection, a man has been taken into custody and he has been produced in the court. The police alleged that three masked men entered a Jewish place of worship and set fire to it. One person got injured in this. It is being said that the arrested person's name is Yunis Ali Yunis. The court sent him in police custody for one week.

France, Germany and Britain get ready to impose sanctions on Iran



Roznama Sahara (August 30) states that France, Germany and Britain have once again started making preparations to impose sanctions against Iran's nuclear development programme. Criticising this, Iran announced that if sanctions are imposed on it again, there would be serious consequences. These three nations have indicated to the United Nations Security Council that they are once again activating 'snapback mechanism.' Under this, sanctions will be imposed on Iran again. It is said that these countries had imposed sanctions on Iran in 2015. Later, it was lifted. The foreign affairs ministers of France, Germany and Britain have stated in a joint statement that Iran is not ready to accept the monitoring by International Nuclear

Energy Agency (IAEA). Iran continues to increase its Uranium reserves. This has resulted in a threat to world peace and security.

Siasat (August 30) states that the US has welcomed the proposed sanctions by these three nations on Iran.

Qaumi Tanzeem (August 28) states that IAEA has claimed that Iran did not give permission to the investigation team sent by the agency to inspect the nuclear plants. IAEA said this has resulted in a serious situation. Iran's foreign affairs minister Abbas Araghchi said that Iran is ready to cooperate with the agency but it will not allow the agency to inspect its nuclear plants. Earlier, it was claimed that three important

nuclear energy centres of Iran were destroyed in a joint attack by Israel and the US. Following the attack, Iran had sent back the inspectors of the IAEA.

Urdu Times (August 25) reports that Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has made it clear that Iran will not bow down before any foreign pressure. He said that we will not bow down before anyone except Allah. We do not find any benefit in holding talks with the US. The US and European nations say that Iran denies using its nuclear programme to develop military weapons. However, it is consistently

developing nuclear weapons. Iran's growing nuclear strength could pose a threat to world peace. In such a situation, it is necessary to strongly enforce the old sanctions on Iran.

As per another news, Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian announced that Iran is interested in strengthening relations with China. Recently, Pezeshkian had visited China. During his visit, discussions were held on the need to improve the cooperation between the two countries in different sectors. He said we want to increase relations with China in strategic and defense sectors.

Over 20,000 infiltrators arrested in Saudi Arabia

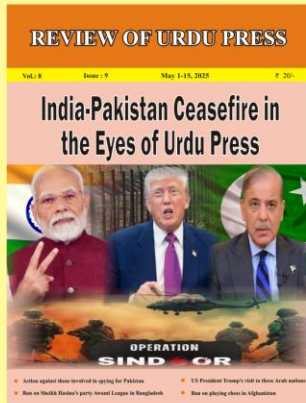
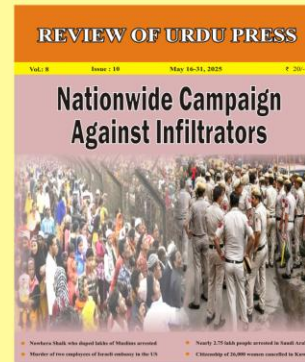
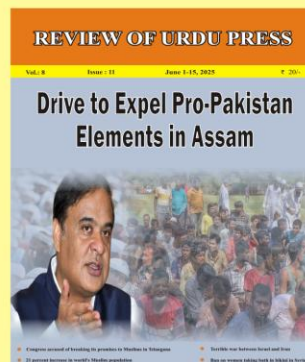
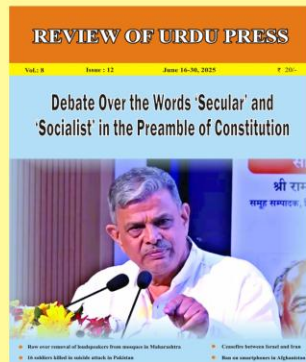
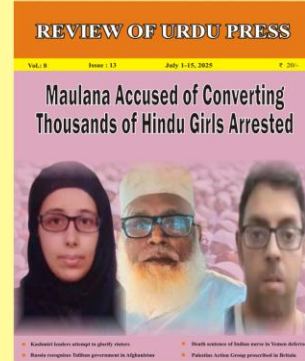
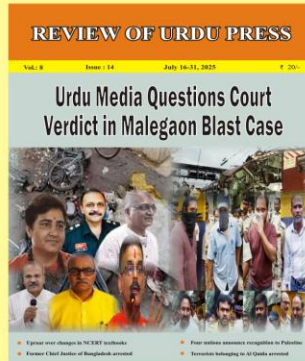
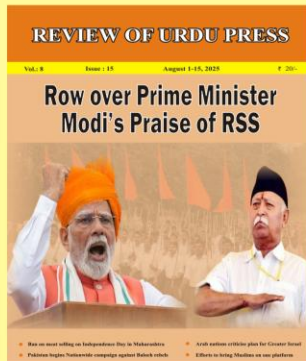


Inquilab (September 1) reports that more than 20,000 infiltrators were arrested in Saudi Arabia in the past one week. These arrests took place between August 21 and 27. As per a press release issued by the Saudi interior ministry, 12,891 people were arrested on charges of violating the residential rules. Whereas 3,888 people were arrested on charges of illegally crossing the Saudi border. Similarly, 3,540 people were arrested on labour-related issues. As per an official statement, among

the people arrested, 50 percent are Yemenis, 49 percent are Ethiopians and the rest one percent belong to other countries. A total of 22 people were caught while trying to enter neighbouring countries from Saudi Arabia. Whereas 16 people were arrested on charges of illegally harbouring people in

Saudi Arabia.

It has been stated in the official statement that currently, more than 28,000 infiltrators are in government custody. As per the information of the home ministry, 21,000 infiltrators have been handed over to the embassies of the countries concerned so that they send them back to their countries. During this period, more than 12,000 people were also expelled from Saudi Arabia. They have been banned from entering Saudi Arabia in future.



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