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Summary

It is generally seen that whenever the government carries out a drive against illegal constructions on the directions of the court, the fundamentalist elements unleash a campaign against the government by giving it a communal colour. Recently, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board levelled charges of alleged persecution and mob lynching of Muslims on BJP. The board also strongly condemned the incidents of bulldozer action on masjids, madrasas and the houses of Muslims. The board announced a nationwide agitation against it. This apart, the board also expressed dissatisfaction over singing of Vande Mataram being made mandatory at government functions, schools and madrasas, efforts made by different states to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and the verdict of the high court on the Bhojshala issue in Madhya Pradesh. The board alleged that the stand of the so-called secular parties on the demands of the Muslim community is very disappointing, due to which it has now been forced to announce a nationwide agitation against the anti-Muslim policies of the government.

A peace agreement has been signed between Israel and the Lebanese government following US pressure and mediation. For the past two years, Iran-supported organisations Hezbollah and Hamas have been carrying out regular attacks on Israel. In order to stop these attacks, the Israeli Army entered Lebanon and carried out a military operation against Hezbollah's bases. Till now, more than 4,000 Lebanese citizens have been killed in these bloody clashes. The interesting thing is that though a ceasefire agreement has been reached between Lebanon and Israel due to the efforts of the US, the Iran-backed Hezbollah is creating different obstacles in it. General Secretary of Hezbollah, Sheikh Naim Qassem, has totally refused to accept this agreement. He announced that his organisation would continue with its armed struggle against Israel and will not hand over its weapons to any agency or the Lebanese army.

In the same manner, the peace agreement that has been signed between Iran and the US a few days ago has also remained on paper. The US Central Command alleged that Iran's Pasdaran-e-Inqilab (IRGC) entered the Strait of Hormuz and targeted a Singapore-flagged cargo ship. In a retaliatory move, the US military also launched airstrikes on Iran's missile and drone sites and coastal radar stations. On the other hand, Iran also carried out attacks on US military bases located in countries like Bahrain and Kuwait. Following these attacks, the two countries again started threatening each other of serious consequences.

The Maharashtra government has started preparations to implement UCC in the state. In this connection, an expert committee is being constituted under the chairmanship of a former judge of the high court to prepare a draft of the law. Earlier, states like Uttarakhand, Gujarat and Assam have passed the UCC law. The BJP government in West Bengal has also stepped up efforts in this direction. State Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari announced that a bill will be presented during the Assembly session in coming August. However, after seeing the stand of the Opposition parties and various aspects, the state government has constituted a high level committee under the leadership of retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai on the issue. In between, the governments of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have also started making preparations related to UCC.

National

Muslim Personal Law Board announces nationwide agitation



Inquilab (June 23) states that All India Muslim Personal Law Board has expressed strong opposition to incidents of alleged persecution of Muslims, mob lynching and demolition of masjids, madrasas and houses of Muslims using bulldozers by BJP governments. The board has announced the launch of a nationwide agitation against such incidents. This apart, it has also been decided to launch a nationwide agitation against the decision to make singing of Vande Mataram mandatory at official functions, schools and madrasas, against the efforts to implement Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in different states and also against the verdict of the high court in the Bhojshala case in Madhya Pradesh.

In a press conference organised at the Press Club in Delhi, the spokesperson of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Syed Qasim Rasool Illyas, while providing information about the decisions taken at the executive committee meeting of the board, expressed strong concern over the situation of Muslims in the country. He alleged that under the rule of BJP governments, the lives, property, honour and religious sites

of Muslims are unsafe and their faith and fundamental rights are under threat.

Illyas said that a decision has been taken at a meeting of the board to prepare a comprehensive document regarding the worsening condition of Muslims, communal tension and violation of fundamental rights and publish the same so that the conscience of the country's aware, justice-loving, and democratically-minded sections can be awakened. Along with this, a 'National Steering Committee' will be formed to address the social and political marginalization of Muslims, the violation of their constitutional rights, the incitement of hatred, and attacks on their lives and property. This committee will launch a nationwide movement with the cooperation of justice-loving people and organizations.

A resolution adopted by the board expressed serious concern over the verdict of the high court on the issue of the Bhojshala in Madhya Pradesh. It has been stated in the resolution that the court delivered this verdict by completely overlooking historical documents, revenue records and official documents. The board

believes that this verdict is totally against the Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act, 1991, passed by the Parliament which gives guarantee to the protection of religious places.

In another resolution, the board strongly criticised the government decision to make singing of Vande Mataram mandatory and described it as against Article 25 of the Constitution. The board clarified that if the government brings any law in the Parliament to make Vande Mataram mandatory, then it would approach the court against the same. The board made it clear that singing of Vande Mataram is against the principle of 'Tauheed' in Islam, hence the government cannot force any Muslim to sing the same. This apart, the board also strongly opposed the efforts made by state governments of BJP to implement the UCC and described it as against the basic spirit of the Constitution.

As per another news published in this newspaper, the Opposition leaders alleged that the government is demolishing Muslim religious places using bulldozers in the border areas of Rajasthan on the pretext of removing illegal structures from the government land. This action started after the visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the border areas of Rajasthan in May 2026. The chief of AIMIM Asaduddin Owaisi claimed that the administration has demolished more than a dozen madrasas, masjids and dargahs in Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Barmer and Phalodi. This apart, hundreds of other religious places have also been declared illegal and notices have been issued for their demolition. This includes the 250-year-old dargah of Hazrat Mahmoud Shah Jilani situated on Ramgarh-Tanot road in Jaisalmer.

Addressing a press conference organised at the Press Club in New Delhi, Association for Protection of Civil Rights claimed that more than 40 madrasas and masjids have been demolished in different



BJP-ruled states in the past two days after declaring them as illegal.

Siasat (June 27) states that the chief of Jamiat Ulema Maulana Arshad Madani accused the government that today, a dictatorship prevails in the country, ruthlessly undermining the sanctity of democratic institutions. He said the bulldozer has become a symbol not of justice, but of a spirit of revenge and hatred. The houses, shops and places of worship of Muslims are demolished by overlooking the law and the directives of courts.

Hindustan (June 17) states that Jamaat-e-Islami has strongly condemned the campaign to demolish masjids, dargahs and Muslim-majority colonies in different parts of the country. Deputy Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami, Malik Mohtasim Khan, expressed concern that in the past few days Muslim religious places and colonies were demolished on a largescale in Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Sambhal, Faridabad, Jaipur, Madhya Pradesh and Virnagam (Gujarat) after declaring them as illegal and no arrangements were made for the rehabilitation of the affected persons. He said that all these are happening despite the stay imposed by the Supreme Court on bulldozer actions and the affected people are forced to watch their devastation helplessly.

Etemaad (June 28) said that a notice has been received to remove centuries-old 'Ganj Shahida Masjid' in Varanasi. It is said that this masjid is 900 years old, on whose land the railway has now staked claim. In its report, 'Muslim Mirror'



alleged that a well-planned campaign is being unleashed by the BJP-governments across the country to demolish the masjids, dargahs, khangarhs and houses of Muslims. The newspaper claimed that when the managers of Ganj Shahida Masjid were preparing to question this decision in the high court and taking legal steps, the railway withdrew the demolition notice citing administrative reasons, due to which the people there got relief.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 22) in its editorial said that today the threat of wiping out masjids and mazars has arisen in the country. Due to the bulldozer campaign launched by the communal governments in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi etc, the Constitution, the identity of Muslims and religious freedom all landed in trouble. The Muslim enmity of ruling BJP is not hidden from anyone. In the past few years, important and centuries-old Muslim religious sites like the Gyanvapi in Varanasi, the Shahi Idgah in Mathura and Dargah Ajmer Sharif have been made centres of dispute.

The newspaper claimed that despite the Indian Parliament passing the Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act in 1991, hundreds of cases related to demolition of masjids and dargahs or claims regarding the same are pending in courts. Under this law, if any person or organisation tries to forcibly change the character of any

religious place, there is a provision to award him three years in jail and a fine, but this law is being overlooked. Today, a campaign is being unleashed to erase the history of Islamic rule. If the law is equal for all, why bulldozer has never been used against any temple or the religious places of Hindus till now? What is needed is for the government to change its anti-Muslim policy.

Siasat (June 21) alleged that a hate campaign has been unleashed against Muslims across the country. This campaign has been running in north Indian states for a long time, but now this is being spread to other parts of the country. An anti-Muslim atmosphere is being created in cities like Mumbai and Hyderabad as well. Its sole aim is to reap political benefits.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 25) in its editorial said that in a recent meeting of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, a deep regret has been expressed over this matter that not a single so-called secular party raised any strong voice against the hate campaign or the bulldozer action unleashed against Muslim across the country. Till now, Muslims have got only disappointment from the stand of these secular parties. No political party is willing to openly stand with the justifiable demand of Muslims. The stand of other secular parties including the Congress and Samajwadi Party regarding Muslims was



uncooperative. In such a situation, the Muslim Personal Law Board was forced to launch a nationwide movement by itself.

The newspaper urged the Muslim Personal Law Board that it try to get the cooperation of all justice-loving and secular citizens and other organisations of the country so that pressure could be exerted on the government and force them to change its anti-Muslim policy.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 26) in its editorial expressed serious concern over the recommendation to change the name of Islampur village in Jhunjhunu district in Rajasthan to Srirampur. The newspaper alleged that on this pretext some people are determined to end the historical and cultural identity of Muslims. The newspaper said the party which is in power at the Centre and in states has been running

a well-planned campaign for the past few years to erase the composite culture of the country due to their own political self-interest.

India is a multi-religious nation and its real strength lies in it. What is required is that the political parties should not tamper with the 'Ganga Jamuni Tehzeeb' for their vested interests, because it is not in the interest

of the nation.

Awadhnama (June 25) in its editorial strongly criticised the campaign to demolish masjids, dargahs and Muslim houses across the country. The newspaper said that the echoes of this campaign are now being heard at the international level as well. The organisation working for religious rights in the US, 'Justice for All' has expressed concern over violation of religious freedom in Bharat. The newspaper further said that it is unfortunate that even the court has failed to halt this campaign. This apart, even major Muslim organisations are watching this devastation in silence. The newspaper said that how long we will remain silent against this injustice? In order to stop this, the Muslims should get united and prepare a credible strategy.

Madrasa board officially abolished in Uttarakhand

Hindustan (July 2) states that Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the official dissolution of Uttarakhand Madrasa Board. Now in its place, the 'Uttarakhand State Minorities Education Authority' has taken over all educational operations. Chief Minister Dhami said that Uttarakhand is the first state in the country where a common law is being implemented for all minority educational institutions. This new decision is not limited to madrasas, instead educational institutions of all Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi communities will come under its ambit. As

per a notification issued by the Special Secretary for minority affairs, Dr Parag Madhukar Dhakate, all the minority educational institutions in the state should follow this new law.

Mumbai Urdu News (July 2) states that the chairman of Uttarakhand State Minorities Education Authority Prof. Surjit Singh Gandhi said that under the new law, students of Muslim and other minority communities have been given the facility to take admission in Islamic madrasas to get education. He said that the Madrasa board was till now limited to Islamic education, but under the new policy, now the doors of



Former MP Haji Fazlur Rahman alleged that before taking such a decision that affects all the 452 registered minority educational institutions in the state, the government did not hold discussions with any minority leader, Muslim scholar or education expert. Similarly, Uttarakhand Congress leader Mujtaba Ali described it as government's arbitrary and anti-Constitutional step.

all minority education institutions have been opened to all minority children. The Authority has prepared a common syllabus for Class 1 to VIII, which will be implemented in all minority schools in the state. Now, in Islamic madrasas, Hindi, English, Maths, Science, Social Science, Urdu, Arabic etc will also be taught apart from religious education. The Opposition parties, especially Congress, criticised this decision of the state government, whereas the chairman of Uttarakhand Waqf Board, Saddam Shams welcomed this decision. He said that due to this, the doors of modern education have been opened for the students of Islamic madrasas as well.

Inquilab (July 2) reports that Jamiat Ulema Uttarakhand, while condemning this decision of the government, described it as a direct attack on the guarantee given to the minorities in the Constitution. State general secretary of the organisation Maulana Sharfat Ali Qasmi said that under Articles 25, 26, 29 and 30 of Indian Constitution, the minorities have the complete freedom to establish and run educational institutions in accordance with one's faith. He clarified that this law has been questioned in the high court and the case is pending now.

Hindustan (June 30) in its editorial said the decision of Uttarakhand government to abolish madrasa board is a direct assault on the constitutional rights enjoyed by Islam and madrasas, which should not be accepted under any circumstance. This decision of the state government is against the basic spirit of the Constitution. The argument of the government that no ban has been imposed on religious education is baseless, because the question that arises is who will prepare the new syllabus and who will appoint the Ulema? If there is objection regarding any portion of the syllabus, or if it is against Islamic principles, who will have the right to remove the same? If all these rights come under government control, then the constitutional right of minorities to establish educational institutions and impart education in accordance with their faith will lose all significance. It is clear that the state government is interfering in the religious affairs of Muslims by setting the Constitution aside, thereby alienating students from their Islamic identity and the Quran in the name of modern education. Therefore, it is crucial to test this law against the touchstone of the Constitution.

Preparations on to implement UCC in West Bengal and Maharashtra

Hindustan (June 24) reports that a debate was initiated in Maharashtra Assembly on the basis of a 'calling attention' motion moved by BJP legislator Devayani

Pharande under Rule 105 regarding the safety of Muslim women, the implementation of the triple talaq law and the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). Replying

to the debate, Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam announced that the state government will constitute a committee headed by a retired judge of the Supreme Court to study the legal, social and administrative aspects of implementing the UCC and to prepare a draft of the same. Further action towards implementing the UCC in the state will be taken based on this committee's report and the draft.



Earlier, legislator Devayani Pharande said in the house that the Central government has implemented a law banning 'triple talaq' with the aim of protecting Muslim women from harassment. Despite this, an effective implementation of this law is not happening in Maharashtra. She claimed that there is an increase in incidents of Muslim men entering into multiple marriages and subjecting women to abuse in order to divorce them. She also said that fatal attacks on Muslim women by their husbands have also come to light. Pharande demanded that the government take special measures for the safety of Muslim women, ensure prompt action in such cases, and adopt a clear stance on the matter.

During the debate, legislator of Opposition Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) Jayant Patil, while opposing it, said this issue does not come under the ambit of the state Assembly and there should not be any discussion over it, but the Speaker of the Assembly rejected this objection by him. On the other hand, legislator of NCP (Ajit Pawar group) Sana Malik said there is permission for polygamy in Muslim Personal Law. Citing the example of Pakistan, she said that laws based on the Quran are enforced there, so there would be no objection if the same were to happen in India. She clarified that in Islam we follow what is said in Quran. If anything written in Quran is implemented in Pakistan, then India should also implement the same and she demands it.

Hindustan (June 24) states that the Maharashtra government has started taking

necessary steps to implement UCC in the state. Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam mentioned about an incident in Nashik which came to light recently in which a man had issued talaq to his wife through mobile phone and e-mail. Kadam said that violating the rights of women will not be tolerated and it is necessary to implement UCC to save them from the harassment of men and to ensure justice to them. The newspaper said that the Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam is creating an atmosphere to implement the UCC in the state on the pretext of this incident in Nashik. The truth is that ever since the BJP came to power at the Centre, it is regularly interfering in the religious affairs of Muslims and new laws are constantly implemented to harass them. Till now, anti-Islam and anti-Shariah laws have been implemented in Uttarakhand, Assam and Gujarat. Now Maharashtra has also joined this group. Muslims need to oppose these anti-Islam actions.

This newspaper in its June 25 editorial said that Maharashtra is currently grappling with several serious problems, but the government has no interest in solving them. The government is deliberately engaging in attention-grabbing gimmicks to divert public attention from these burning issues.

The bill related to UCC is a part of this series, because the government knows it very well that it is difficult to resolve the basic problems of the people. NCP legislator Sana Malik raised this appropriate question in the Assembly that if the government's real intention is



empowerment of women and to save them from harassment, then why it is limited to Muslim women alone? Isn't it necessary to save women belonging to other communities also from harassment?

The newspaper alleged that the government is deliberately interfering in the religious affairs of Muslims so that the votes of majority community could be amassed by polarising the society. If the BJP-ruled state governments are serious in their claim in implementing the UCC, then why the Adivasis are kept out of the ambit of this law? In such a situation, what is required is for all Muslim organisations to unite and oppose the anti-Muslim policies of the government and prepare a common strategy.

Urdu Times (June 24) in its editorial claimed that till the time Ajit Pawar was alive, the Mahayuti government did not have the courage even to think about implementing the UCC in the state. Now since Ajit Pawar has passed away, the talk of implementing the UCC in the state has intensified. However, it is now considered almost certain that the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will be implemented in Maharashtra as well. Given the government's massive majority in the Legislative Assembly, there will be no difficulty in passing this law.

On the other hand, All India Muslim Personal Law Board has already strongly opposed this law, but a lack of ideological unity within the Muslim community is evident on this issue.

This is the reason why the ruling party is taking full advantage of this.

Hindustan Express (July 2) in its editorial has condemned the decision of various BJP-ruled state governments to

implement the UCC. The newspaper said the BJP is trying to realise its dream of Hindu Rashtra on the pretext of UCC. The newspaper has written that the fundamental premise of UCC is that the Shariah or personal laws related marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption and alimony should be completely set aside. The government is citing

Article 44 of the Constitution to push their agenda. However, it should be remembered that Article 44 is not a part of Fundamental Rights, instead those are only guidelines to the government under the Directive Principles of the Constitution. This Article is inconsistent with the basic spirit of the fundamental rights of the Indian Constitution, because Article 25 and 26 have given the citizens the freedom to follow their religious customs and personal laws. Since Bharat is a multi-religious and multi-cultural country, imposing any ideology or culture is against the basic spirit of the Constitution.

Inquilab (June 29) states that as soon as coming to power in West Bengal, the BJP started taking necessary steps to implement its anti-Muslim agenda. In this connection, state Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari has announced that the state government will bring anti-conversion and anti-love jihad laws in the next session of the Assembly. The Trinamool Congress strongly opposed this announcement of the chief minister. Former chief minister Mamata Banerjee said her party would oppose these policies of the BJP both inside and outside the Assembly.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 30) states that the West Bengal government will take further action in this regard only after giving serious consideration to the matter because the government wants to avoid any kind of haste. Informed sources said that the state government is holding discussions with the retired judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, in this connection.

Inquilab (July 2) states that West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari

indicated to the Assembly that the government is committed to implementing the UCC. For this, legal preparations have been started. In this connection, a high-level committee of experts have also been constituted, which will submit its report to the state government after considering this issue from various perspectives. It is hoped that this Bill will be passed during the Assembly session in August.

Aurangabad Times (June 27) states that Trinamool Congress has announced that if the UCC Bill is passed in the state Assembly, the party will oppose the same. Senior leader of Trinamool Congress and MP Saugat Roy said that TMC has been opposing the implementation of UCC all along, because there is absolutely no need to implement



such a law in the country. He said that BJP has brought this law only due to its anti-Muslim policy. It is to be noted that the process to implement UCC has started in Chhattisgarh as well. The state government has formed a five-member high level committee for the same.

Court stay on granting OBC reservation to converted Muslims



Inquilab (June 28) reports that the Madras High Court in its recent verdict said that no person who had converted to Islam from Hindu religion can automatically claim the government benefits provided to backward classes, as one is not constitutionally entitled to them directly. In its verdict, the court has made it clear that it is unconstitutional to provide reservation and other facilities prescribed for backward classes to anyone after conversion to Islam. This apart, the court also cancelled an order of the Tamil Nadu government in 2024,

describing it as unconstitutional, which included a provision to recognize those who converted to Islam as belonging to the Muslim backward classes and to extend the benefits of reservation to them.

In its verdict, the court said that in Quran all Muslims have been given equal status, hence the concept of higher caste and backward caste goes against the core concept of Quran, Shariah and Islam. A division bench of Justice G R Swaminathan and Justice P B Balaji, upheld a decision of the tehsildar in which he had refused to issue backward class certificate to a converted Muslim. The person concerned questioned this decision of the tehsildar in the high court.

It is to be noted that the petitioner had adopted Islam in 2016 and married a Muslim woman and he has two children as well. The petitioner sought a backward class certificate from the tehsildar. His argument was that he follows the customs and traditions of 'Labbai' caste, which is

included in the backward classes in Muslim category in Tamil Nadu. However, tehsildar rejected this claim by him, against which he had approached the Madras High Court.

The lawyer of the petitioner argued in the court that in Islam also several castes follow the principles of backward classes and it depends on that particular community whether to recognise those who adopted Islam as a member of that community or not. His argument was that if the head of Muslim community issues a certificate to any individual as member of a backward community, then the government should not interfere in it and it should be considered as valid and issue him an OBC certificate so that the person concerned shall take the benefits of reservation. The court completely rejected the arguments of

the lawyer of the petitioner. In its verdict, the court clarified that if any person adopts Islam after abandoning his original religion, then he will not be eligible to obtain the reservation benefits of backward community.

In its verdict, the court also said that though the Constitution does not make any kind of discrimination on the basis of religion, race, caste, gender or place of birth, it also gives the government the right to make special provisions for the social and educational uplift of the citizens of backward classes or Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. However, this special provision of the Constitution will not be applicable on those who adopt Islam or Christianity, because in these two religions there is no concept of higher or lower castes.

Man distributing poison during Muharram procession arrested



Aurangabad Times (June 28) states that during the Muharram procession in Byculla locality in Mumbai, the police, displaying alertness, foiled a major conspiracy. According to the newspaper, poisonous capsules were being distributed to the participants of the procession under the false promise of curing ailments and

improving health. Shortly after taking these capsules, some people began to experience vomiting and severe stomach pain.

As soon as a complaint was received, the police took immediate action on the directions of DCP Jayant Meena and the accused Fayyaz Premji, a resident of Pune, was taken into custody. A total of

14,900 units of a toxic substance and 50 kilograms of chemical powder have been seized from the accused's possession. The lives of thousands of people were saved thanks to this alertness of the police.

During preliminary questioning, the accused claimed that these were simple health-promoting and pain-relieving capsules, but he broke down under strict police interrogation and spilled the truth. It came to light during the investigation that every capsule contained one gram of poison, which was enough to take one's life. The accused admitted that his aim was to prepare 30,000 poisonous capsule and distribute them during the Muharram procession. He is in possession of the seized deadly chemical 'zinc phosphide', which is used to kill rats. The accused is a paint dealer from Pune and he had visited Iran and Iraq in 2025. The police are now conducting a detailed investigation whether there is any foreign hand behind this conspiracy of mass murder or whether this was his personal plan.

Urdu Times (June 25) states that the police have made tight security to maintain law order during the Muharram procession in West Bengal. The police have made it clear that this time no permission will be given to bring any kind of weapon to the Muharram procession. This apart, a ban was also imposed on the use of DJ and the taking out of elaborate or heavy 'tazias'. The government has also banned the display of swords and chains during the period of mourning. Special directions have been issued to police station incharges in this connection. They were also directed to maintain a close watch on the social media so that misleading propaganda should be disseminated that could pose a threat to the maintenance of peace and order.

Urdu Times (June 27) states that a violent incident took place during



Muharram at Ochaul village under Bahadurpur police station area in Darbhanga district in Bihar. As per a complaint lodged with the police, a person named Sunil Sahni reached Imambara along with his few colleagues on the day of Juma (Friday) and fired at the tubelight in the pandal, causing it to go out. The dispute escalated when ASI Mohammad Mobin—posted with the Patna Police and currently home on leave—objected to this act. Following this, Sunil Sahni and Deepak Sahni opened fire on ASI Mobin. The seriously injured ASI was rushed to a hospital in Darbhanga where his condition remains serious. Meanwhile, enraged by the firing, people cornered the accused, Sunil Sahni, on the spot and attacked him with a sharp axe, resulting in his death right there. As soon as information was received about the incident, personnel from Bahadurpur police station arrived on the spot. Sadar SDPO Rajiv Kumar said that a detailed investigation will be conducted into the incident and in view of the tension in the village, a large number of security personnel have been deployed as a precautionary measure.

Inquilab (June 28) reports that during a Muharram procession in Ratlam in Madhya Pradesh, a tazia hit a high-tension electricity line all of a sudden. Two persons



died on the spot due to electric shock while the third person died on the way to hospital. In this incident, nearly 12 others also suffered burns from the electric shock, who have been admitted to hospital.

Urdu Times (June 25) in its editorial alleged that whenever a festival of Muslims or a procession is taken out, all kinds of restrictions are imposed on it on the pretext of law and order. Recently, the administration imposed several restrictions during Muharram in the name of law and order in Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. It has also been warned at the behest of the administration that if the restrictions imposed on the processions are violated, stringent legal action will be taken.

The newspaper said that earlier such restrictions were never imposed for Muharram processions in West Bengal, but ever since BJP came to power in the state, it has been imposing stringent restrictions on festivals like Eid and Muharram. It is to the extent that even markets are forced to shut down. This time, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has also made it clear that there will be no permission to

organise namaz on the roads on a massive scale and stringent legal action will be taken against those who do so.

The irony of our country is that whenever a law is implemented, the religious affiliation of the group it applies to is invariably taken into consideration before its enforcement. Why this double standard? Why are Muslims being suppressed? This absolutely should not happen because this is a democratic nation, where everyone has equal rights.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 29) expressed satisfaction that this time the festival of Muharram concluded peacefully. However, in Indore, some people burst crackers violating government orders, due to which some people were injured. The police have arrested several miscreants involved in this matter. The newspaper appealed to Muslim religious leaders that they celebrate all the festivals of Muslims as per the Shariah and desist from all kinds of anti-Islam activities. The editorial warned that if any such untoward incident occurs, it will provide the ruling party with a pretext to take action against Muslims.

Over 24 lakh Afghanis expelled from Pakistan



Hamara Samaj (June 22) reports that Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had said that more than 24 lakh Afghan citizens had been sent back to Afghanistan from Pakistan since September 2023. He said that such a massive nationwide campaign had never been carried out in the history of Pakistan to expel citizens of foreign origin from the country. He said two types of Afghan citizens were included in this data. The first were those who had gone back to Afghanistan on their own whereas the other section were those illegal immigrants who were forcibly expelled from the country by Pakistan government. Talking about the rights of refugees and their security, Sharif said it is a collective responsibility of United Nations and the international community to cooperate in the safe rehabilitation and economic stability of these expelled Afghan citizens.

The Pakistan Prime Minister said that his country has given refuge to more than 70 lakh Afghan citizens ever since the Russian attack on Afghanistan in 1979. Despite its limited resources, Pakistan had extended government facilities to them for more than four decades. However, given the country's extremely precarious economic situation at present, it is not possible for us to bear the expenses of

foreign nationals. This is the reason why we have decided to expel Afghan citizens staying in the country. Shehbaz Sharif also accepted that among those expelled, there are some 12 to 15 lakh people, who were born in Pakistani territory.

It is to be noted that the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and several other international organisations have condemned the Pakistani drive against Afghan citizens. These organisations say that many of those who were expelled from Pakistan possess the necessary legal documents to stay in the country. Despite this, they were forcibly expelled from there. The United Nations had urged the Pakistan government several times to halt this expulsion drive on humanitarian basis. The international organisations also said that Afghanistan is currently embroiled in a huge financial crisis and massive shortage of food. In such a situation, the Afghanistan government has a shortage of financial resources to spend on the rehabilitation of Afghan citizens being forcibly expelled from Pakistan, due to which there is increasing apprehension about them becoming victims of starvation. The international organisations have appealed to countries across the world for cooperation for the



rehabilitation of these displaced Afghan citizens.

According to these organisations, the Afghan citizens are being expelled not only from Pakistan, they are expelled in lakhs even from Iran. Due to this, there is a huge crisis in Afghanistan regarding their housing, healthcare and education. Human

rights organisations have alleged that thousands of such Afghan citizens were staying in Pakistan, which included former government employees, journalists and human rights activists. They were assured that they would be settled in US, Canada, Australia and other European countries, but Pakistan pushed them through the Afghanistan border on the might of police and the army.

Amnesty International alleged that Pakistan and Iran have illegally kept more than 15 lakh Afghan citizens in detention centres, where even basic facilities were not available. In the past one week alone, nearly 2.7 lakh Afghan citizens were forcibly expelled from Pakistan, Iran, Turkiye and Tajikistan.

Four Baloch leaders including Mehrang Baloch get life-term

Chattan (June 24) reports that a court in Quetta sentenced the chief of Baloch Yakjehti Committee Dr Mehrang Baloch and her three colleagues to 25 years each in jail. The charge against them is that during a protest march organised by the Baloch Yakjehti Committee in 2024, the mob attacked the security personnel, in which a soldier of Frontier Corps was killed. Apart from Mehrang Baloch, the court also sentenced Sibghatullah Shaji, Balach Qadir and Abubakar Kulanchi.

It is to be noted that 33-year-old Mehrang Baloch is a doctor by profession. Her father Abdul Ghaffar Langove was kidnapped by the Pakistan army in 2009. Later his body was found on a street. The incident was a turning point in the life of Mehrang Baloch and she started unifying the people against the atrocities committed by the Pakistan government and the army on Balochis. She led the 'Baloch Long March' in 2024 for the release of



disappeared Balochis, which reached Islamabad and drew the attention of the world.

Following this, the Pakistan government unleashed a massive crackdown in which more than a dozen cases were registered against Mehrang Baloch. She was taken into custody several times, but due to court orders, she had to be released time and again. In March 2025, following her official arrest, the court delivered this verdict.

Following this court verdict, the Baloch leaders held a press conference at Karachi Press Club and accused the



Pakistan government of trapping Baloch leaders in false cases for demanding their legitimate rights. On the other hand, commenting on this verdict, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti said the government cannot overlook the act of targeting security personnel under the guise of peaceful protest. He described the court verdict as in the interest of law and order in Balochistan. The Baloch Women Forum, while strongly condemning the life-term sentence to Mehrang Baloch and her three colleagues, said the government is

implicating committed Baloch activists in illegal and fabricated cases, but this will not have any adverse effect on the morale of the Baloch movement.

Hamara Samaj (June 23) states that in a statement issued to the media, the spokesperson of Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) Jeeyand Baloch said that in the past one week, the BLA carried out attacks on Pakistani army outposts 26 times, in which 30 personnel of Pakistan army were killed. The BLA fighters also seized weapons and ammunition in large quantity from these bases. Eight fighters of BLA were killed in the retaliatory attack by the Pakistani army, which included a woman fighter as well. The spokesperson strongly condemned the life-term sentence awarded to Dr Mehrang Baloch and her colleagues. He said that the Baloch activists are not the kind who will be intimidated by such oppressive decisions and its armed struggle against the Pakistani Army, which has illegally occupied Balochistan, will continue.

Massive attack on Pakistani military bases by Afghanistan



Siasat (June 20) states that the Afghanistan army has stepped up its series of air strikes on Pakistan's border areas with the help of fighter drones. The Afghanistan air force bombed several strategic locations inside Pakistan. According to the spokesperson of

Afghanistan's defence ministry, due to the growing tension between the two countries on the border, a massive and planned attack was carried out for the first time in the history of the country. More than two dozen bases of terrorist groups active in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces and that of Pakistan army suffered massive damages. In these operations carried out on the basis of intelligence information, more than a dozen bases of ISIS, which has been spreading disturbances in Afghanistan, have also been targeted. These bases were being used to carry out anti-Shia attacks in

Afghanistan. A spokesperson of Afghan government claimed that several Pakistani soldiers and terrorists were killed in these attacks.

A spokesperson of Afghanistan's defence ministry said that Afghanistan is now fully capable of giving a befitting reply to any kind of violation of its air space and any threat to the security of the country would not be tolerated. However, the spokesperson did not disclose the names of the foreign sources from where the Afghanistan army received these new drones and missiles. It is to be noted that Afghanistan had officially signed a military-technological cooperation with Russia in May 2026. According to the Russian defence ministry, the main aim of this agreement was to provide an air defence mechanism to Afghanistan and modernise and maintain the military equipment of Soviet era.

Inqilab (June 30) states that the Pakistan government has claimed that its air force carried out precision air strikes in Afghanistan and killed 25 terrorists. This operation was carried out in Paktika, Paktiya and Kunar provinces of Afghanistan, where three active bases of



banned organisations Jamaat-ul-Ahrar and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan were targeted.

Pakistan's information minister Ataullah Tarar made it clear that this military operation carried out in Afghanistan was in retaliation to the attacks carried out by Afghan terrorists on the camp of Pakistani Rangers in Karachi last week. Six persons were killed in the attack on the Rangers camp. On the other hand, the chief spokesperson of Taliban government in Kabul, Zabiullah Mujahid, completely rejected these claims by Pakistan. Addressing the media, he said that no terrorist, instead 36 innocent citizens, were killed and 25 others were injured these attacks.

Killing of Awami League activists in Bangladesh

Hindustan Express (June 27) reports that a new controversy has erupted following the killing of nearly a dozen activists of Bangladesh's deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's party Awami League. The relatives of the activists who were killed alleged that the Bangladesh police raided their houses and took away these activists and later their bodies were found in different places with several injury marks on them.

As per a report of the Dhaka Tribune, the incidents took place in Barishal, Faridpur and Chatgaon between June 21 and 24. The activists who were



killed belonged to Awami League and its student wing 'Chhatra League.' The latest incident was of June 26, when the body of Nurul Alam, the joint convenor of 'Jubo League' in Satkania village, was found on the streets. According to his family

members, the intelligence wing of Chatgaon Police took him into custody a day earlier and he was killed at the behest of the government. On the other hand, the police claim that he was admitted to Chatgaon Medical College after he fell ill following his arrest, where he died. Earlier, secretary of Chhatra League in Madhukhali town in Faridpur, Mirza Ishniaq Ahmed had also died in police custody. According to his mother, the secret police brutally beat him up on the streets following his arrest and dragged him to police station in an injured condition.

Hamara Samaj (June 24) reports that a delegation of Bangladesh Puja Utsav Council met Bangladesh Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed and handed over a detailed memorandum regarding the attacks on the minorities in Bangladesh. This delegation was led by the president of Bangladesh Puja Utsav Council Vasudev Dhar and General Secretary Santosh Sharma. They told the home minister that the attacks took place on minorities in several places including Cox Bazar, Brahmanabadia and Komilla. They demanded that the Bangladesh government make special arrangements for the security



of minorities. This delegation also alleged that the properties of Hindus are illegally seized. Recently, two temples were seized in Palashbadi region and the puja-archana were stopped in them.

Hamara Samaj (June 17) states that a Christian delegation in Bangladesh met Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and handed over a memorandum, in which it was alleged that in the past two years, the activists of extremist Islamic organisations carried out several attacks on churches and stopped priests from carrying out religious programmes in a dozen places. The organisation of priests demanded the government that Christians should be given protection and appropriate action should be taken the extremist organisations.

Attack on masjid in Scotland



Urdu Times (June 29) reports that five persons were injured in an attack on people belonging to Muslim community in Scotland capital Edinburgh. The attacks began near Broomhouse Mosque and spread to other places in the city. The

police arrested a local resident in this connection. It is to be noted that earlier a Muslim immigrant, originally belonging to Sudan, carried out a fatal attack on an Irish resident using a knife in Ireland capital Belfast. As soon as the news and video of this attack spread, violent protests against immigrants began in different cities of Britain.

Their houses and shops were also attacked during this time.

On the other hand, 'Scottish Association of Mosques' expressed serious concern regarding the security of Muslim community. Meanwhile, Scotland Minister

John Swinney strongly condemned these attacks. He said that violence in the name of religion and race will not be tolerated under any circumstance. The deployment of police has been tightened in affected areas in order to maintain law and order.

Urdu Times (June 17) reports that the British police arrested more than 200 supporters of pro-Palestine organisation 'Palestine Action Group.' It is to be noted that the British court had upheld the government decision to declare this organisation as terrorist organisation. The Palestinian supporters held massive protests against this government decision in different parts of the country. Condemning this step of the British government, Palestine organisation Hamas said that government took this decision due to pressure from Israel. The main purpose of this decision is to suppress the voices supporting the rights of Palestinian people and cover up the Israeli military operations being undertaken in Gaza.

It is to be noted that the British government had imposed a ban on Palestine Action Group under anti-terrorism law. The argument of the government was that the activities of the



people belonging to this organisation is a threat to the national security of the country. The government also alleged that this organisation has been planning to carry out attacks on companies belonging to Jews and Israel.

Urdu Times (June 24) states that the Japan government has directed that a mosque being built by the Pakistani community in Kawagoe town in Saitama Prefecture shall be demolished. It is to be noted that this mosque was built by a company owned by citizens of Pakistani origin and it was inaugurated by Pakistan Ambassador to Japan Abdul Hamid. A spokesperson of Japan government said that in Pakistan it is natural to build masjids and madrasas without permission and it is a common practice to occupy government property under its pretext, but this trend cannot be allowed to start in Japan.

West Asia

Peace agreement signed between Israel and Lebanon



Etemaad (June 28) reports that a peace agreement has been signed between Israel and Lebanon in Washington. On this occasion, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said this agreement includes immediate cessation of war and a framework for talks to maintain peaceful relations in the future has also been prepared. As per a report of *Al Jazeera*, the US Secretary of State has claimed that this agreement is the result of US's efforts and due to this, it will help in establishing stability and peace in Lebanon. The US wants the people of Lebanon and Israel to spend a peaceful and better future. However, this framework is not a permanent and final peace agreement, but rather it is expected to start comprehensive future talks and a new chapter of trust in each other.

As per *Al Jazeera*'s report, under this agreement, the Israeli army will gradually vacate those areas of Lebanon where it has established military bases. It will hand over control of the security of this entire region to the Lebanese army so that it can take the task of regional security into its own hands.

In addition to this, all non-governmental armed organisations, including Hezbollah, will be completely demilitarised. Until this entire process is completed along with verification, the

Israeli army will not fully withdraw from Lebanese territories. According to the report, the initiation of this process will begin from two areas of southern Lebanon. Here, the Israeli army will first vacate these areas and hand over control to the Lebanese army. Along with this, reconstruction work will be started in these areas so that the citizens displaced due to the war can be resettled there. Mentioning this agreement, Marco Rubio stated that this is a positive step by US President Donald Trump, the main objective of which is to restore the sovereignty of Lebanon, eliminate the military capability of Hezbollah, and ensure the border security of Israel.

Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam stated that the ultimate goal of this agreement is the complete withdrawal of the Israeli army from all Lebanese territories. On the other hand, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made it clear that as long as Hezbollah possesses weapons, the threat to Israel will remain. In such a situation, the complete withdrawal of the Israeli army from Lebanon is not possible.

According to reports, Hezbollah is not a party to this agreement. A Hezbollah spokesperson said that Israel must vacate Lebanese land without any conditions, and their organization will not accept any

conditions from Israel. Experts believe that this agreement is an attempt to reduce tension between the two countries, but due to the conditions imposed by Israel and Hezbollah's total refusal to disarm, the possibility of lasting peace in Lebanon seems very slim. However, the Lebanese government has confirmed in this agreement that its army will independently make decisions related to Lebanon's security and war. Along with this, if there is any attack on Israel by Hezbollah in the future, Israel will have the full right to respond in self-defence.

Urdu Times (June 29) reports that the Lebanese government has signed a peace agreement with Israel mediated by the US. However, Iran-backed Hezbollah has flatly refused to accept this agreement, while it currently controls a large part of Lebanon. Hezbollah secretary general Sheikh Naim Qassem called this agreement destructive and humiliating for Lebanon and made them surrender. He alleged that the US forced Lebanon into this one-sided agreement, which is entirely in favour of Israel.

Qassem clarified that his organisation will not give up its weapons or disarm at any cost. Because of Hezbollah's firm stance, the hopes of ending the war that has been ongoing for the past year have suffered a severe blow. It is worth noting that right after the joint US and Israeli attacks on Iran on February 28, 2026, a fierce war also broke out in Lebanon. Iran-backed Hezbollah launched continuous rocket and drone attacks on Israel, in response to which Israel also took widespread action. Thousands of people were killed and large-scale destruction occurred in this war. After this, the Israeli army entered the border of Lebanon and established its control over a large part of southern Lebanon.

Urdu Times (June 27) states that Esmail Qaani, the commander of the Quds Force of the Iranian Pasdaran-e-Inqilab



(IRGC), stated that if Israel does not leave Lebanon voluntarily, it will have to leave this region after being defeated. He said that the Jews must leave Lebanon at all costs, and they will continue to protest against the illegal occupation.

On the other hand, Iran's deputy foreign minister, Kazem Gharibabadi, accused Italy and Romania of providing their military bases for an attack on Iran. He stated that NATO remained a silent spectator to this open violation of international rules, whereas this was an act of open aggression.

Hindustan Express (June 28) reports that sources in the Lebanese government have shed light on some aspects of a 14-point agreement reached between Israel and Lebanon. Under this agreement, the Israeli army will have to evacuate Lebanese territory under all circumstances, and no entry will be permitted into it from the Israeli side. It will begin from the 'pilot zone' determined with the consent of both countries. Lebanon's ambassador to the US stated that this agreement restores Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity, ends hostilities, and guarantees the safe return of Lebanese citizens to their areas.

On the other hand, the Israeli ambassador made it clear that this agreement has no direct connection with Iran and Hezbollah, rather, it is purely between the governments of Israel and Lebanon, with the main objective of ending the war and opening new paths to peace.

Iranian singer sentenced to flogging



Siasat (June 21) reports that an Iranian court has sentenced popular 29-year-old Iranian singer Parastoo Ahmadi and eight members of her production team to 74 lashes. In addition to this, the court has banned all of them from leaving the country for two years and completely barred them from performing any classical or musical activities for two years.

This verdict comes in connection with a virtual concert broadcast on

YouTube in December 2024. The Iranian government alleges that during this program, Parastoo Ahmadi performed the famous patriotic song 'Az Khoone Javanan-e-Vatan' (From the blood of youth of homeland) without wearing a hijab. She was taken into custody after the video went viral on internet and a case was registered after releasing her on bail.

Representative of US-based 'Centre for Human Rights in Iran' Bahar Ghandehari, while criticising this verdict, described it as a violation of freedom of expression and art. In protest against this decision, more than 200 Iranian citizens including Iranian origin actor Nazanin Boniadi, a resident of New York, and exiled musician Setareh Maleki registered a protest by wearing black dress.

Iran-US ceasefire agreement in trouble

Inqilab (June 28) states that following the attacks on ships in the Strait of Hormuz, the US took retaliatory action and targeted Iranian military installations.

According to the US Central Command, in addition to Iranian missiles and drone stockpiles, the US also targeted coastal radars. These strikes were carried out in response to an Iranian drone attack on a Singapore-flagged cargo ship on June 25.

The Central Command stated that this attack by Iran is an open violation of the recently concluded ceasefire agreement. To maintain stability in this region and to ensure the smooth movement of international ships, this series of protective strikes by the US will continue. Every necessary action will be taken to provide



security to ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz.

A US military spokesperson claimed that Iran's IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps) was behind the attack on the Singapore-flagged ship, and the vessel suffered heavy damage. Because of this, the movement of marine vessels through this area has been temporarily halted for

now. On the other hand, Iran carried out retaliatory drone attacks on US military bases located in Bahrain.

Bahrain has alleged that the attacks carried out by Iran on its territory are a violation of Bahrain's sovereignty and airspace, which would not be tolerated under any circumstances. It is significant to note that Bahrain houses the headquarters of the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, which Iran targeted.

An IRGC spokesperson claimed that the US attack on Sirri Island was foiled. The spokesperson stated that Iran will take all possible measures for its defence and a fitting response will be given to the US. The series of attacks on whatever US military bases are located in this region will continue continuously.

Iran has claimed that because of these US attacks, the temporary ceasefire agreement reached between the two countries has fallen into trouble, and has triggered a situation for which the US and its allies are completely to blame.

Inquilab (June 2) reports that the US Central Command has announced that the US Navy and Air Force have targeted 10 military bases of Iran located in and around the Strait of Hormuz.

US President Donald Trump claimed that this action was taken after Iran violated the ceasefire twice. He threatened that if Iran continued these attacks, its very existence would be erased. The IRGC claimed that in response to the US attacks, Iran targeted US military bases located in Kuwait and Bahrain, which will continue in the future as well.

Kuwait's military claimed that its air defence system foiled the Iranian attacks, while the IRGC has also released photos of these attacks. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi claimed that the US action could further worsen the situation in this region.

Meanwhile, Bahrain, while condemning the Iranian attacks against it, demanded from the United Nations that an emergency session of the Security Council

be called to consider this fresh explosive situation.

Urdu Times (July 2) states that the flames of war between the US and Iran could flare up again because the US President has started preparations for a major attack against Iran.

Iran's chief negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said that "Iran wants to resolve disputes with the US through dialogue, but we are not getting any benefit from dialogue with the US. That is why we have started preparing for war again."

Urdu Times (July 1) reports that the foreign ministry of Qatar has stated that no high-level talks between the US and Iran in Doha is under consideration. Qatar is in contact with Oman for the security of ships in the Strait of Hormuz.

Avadhnama (July 1) states that US President Trump has claimed that Iran requested the US to start high-level talks in Doha, but he turned down this request. On the other hand, Iran's spokesperson has claimed that the US President is lying completely. Iran has neither made any request to the US to start talks nor does it have any interest in it.

Urdu Times (June 21) stated in its editorial that war is about to start again between the US and Iran because the US government is being pressured by Israel and the Jewish lobby to not make any kind of compromise with Iran, therefore the world should not keep this hope that this war will end.

Avadhnama (June 20) stated in its editorial that the happiness being expressed across the world over a ceasefire between Iran and the US is not one that will last for a long time. The reason behind this is that conditions are being repeatedly imposed on Iran by the US, which Iran would never accept. If Iran makes the mistake of surrendering before the US, its existence would be wiped out forever. This is the reason why Iran is taking steps very cautiously. And despite this agreement, military preparations from its side are continuously going on.



Israeli strike kills nephew of former Hamas chief

Inquilaab (June 29) reports that the Israeli army and security agencies, based on shared intelligence, confirmed an airstrike in Gaza. This strike claimed the death of Walid Haniyeh, a commander of Hamas's military wing.

According to reports, Walid Haniyeh was the nephew of the former top leader of Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh. He was leading a unit of Hamas's special 'Nukhba Forces'. He had led Hamas's attack on Israel on October 7, 2023. Significantly, Ismail Haniyeh was killed in an Israeli attack in Tehran in July 2024.

An Israeli spokesperson claimed that Walid Haniyeh not only led the attacker group but also played an important role in taking Israeli citizens hostage to Gaza. He was recently involved in recruiting new boys into Hamas and supervising programs to give them military training. For this reason, Israeli intelligence agencies were keeping a constant watch on his activities.

Based on precise information received from intelligence sources, Walid was targeted in a building. Other Hamas



commanders are also reported to have been killed alongside him in this strike. However, Hamas has not yet issued any comment or statement on this claim by Israel. This attack took place in the Khan Younis area of Gaza, which was declared a 'safe zone' during the war.

According to drones deployed by Israel, this strike caused damage to a camp of displaced people, which also killed several innocent civilians.

20 people killed in terrorist attack in Nigeria

Siasat (June 18) reports that at least 20 people were killed and several others injured in an attack by armed rebels on a village in the Arewa area of Kebbi state, located in the north-western region of Nigeria.

According to security agencies, the attackers are linked to Islamic terrorist organisation 'Lakurawa', which is believed to be associated with ISIS.

Kebbi state deputy governor Umar Abubakar Tafida visited the affected areas, assessed the security situation, and directed

officials to help the victims. He stated that the condition of many of the injured admitted to the hospital remains critical, due to which the death toll could increase.

Tafida announced that additional security forces are being deployed in this region to effectively counter terrorists and armed groups, and the Nigerian army and local security agencies have joined hands to strengthen the security system and launch an intensive campaign against terrorists.

It is significant to note that Islamic terrorist organisations like Boko Haram,

ISIS, and Lakurawa are active in Nigeria, primarily targeting Christians. These terrorist organisations have so far killed a large number of Christians and enslaved girl students by kidnapping them.

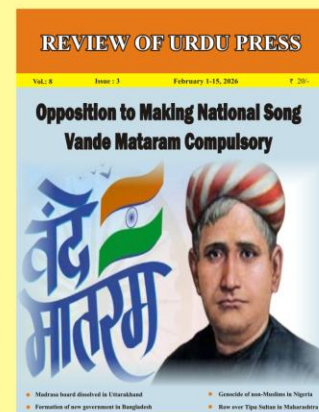
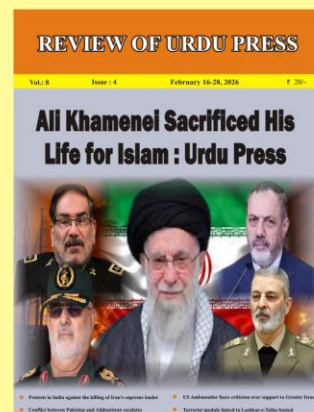
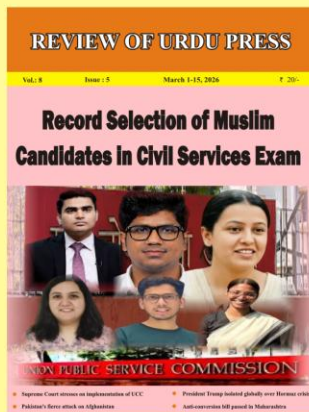
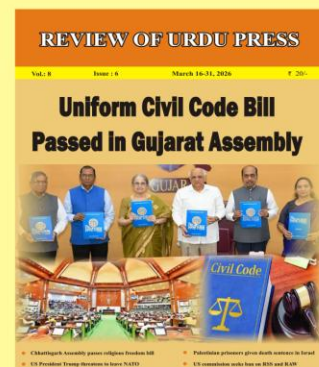
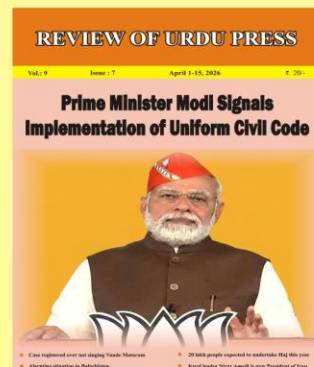
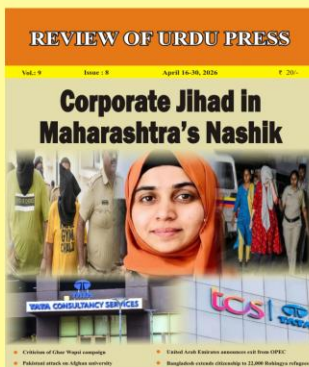
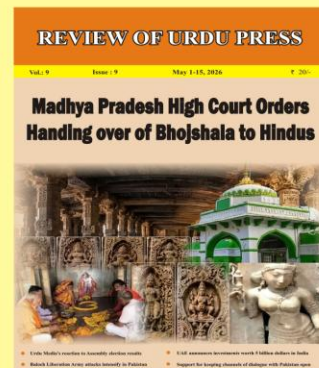
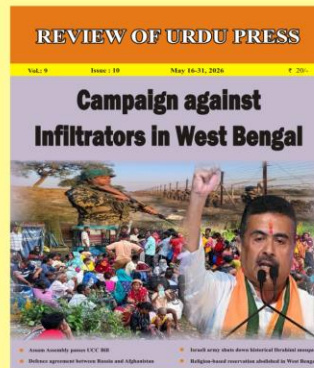
Currently, the population of Nigeria is 240 million, out of which 56 per cent are Muslims and 43 per cent are Christians. It is notable that US President Donald Trump took a very tough stand regarding the attacks on Christians in Nigeria. Giving a strict warning to the Nigerian government, he had even spoken of military action. He had said that if Christians in Nigeria are continued to be killed, the US would be forced to launch airstrikes there.

In addition to this, the Trump administration has put Nigeria back on the list of 'countries of particular concern'. Trump believes that the very existence of Christians in Nigeria is under threat, and the government there has failed to stop Islamic terrorists. He had warned the



Nigerian government that if it did not take concrete steps to stop the persecution and killings of Christians in its country, the US would stop all financial aid given to Nigeria.

However, the Nigerian government rejected these allegations by Trump. The Nigerian government stated that the rebel groups there do not discriminate on a religious basis. Instead, along with Christians, they also target local Muslims and mosques in large numbers.



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