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Summary

Several militant organisations are active in Balochistan to free themselves from the clutches of Punjabis and they have unleashed an armed struggle for the freedom of Balochistan. Among these organisations, the names of Balochistan Liberation Army and United Baloch Army are worth mentioning. Recently, these organisations carried out largescale attacks on the bases of Pakistan Army in Balochistan. Apart from this, the Baloch rebels are selectively targeting Chinese projects and the experts involved in them. The Balochis allege that the Punjabis and Chinese are exploiting the mineral resources of their region and the local residents are being deprived of employment opportunities.

The spokesperson of Pakistan Army has confirmed that there is a huge increase in the attacks by Baloch rebels on Pakistan Army bases. Nearly 100 Pakistani soldiers have been killed in clashes with the rebels. Whereas the spokesperson of Baloch Liberation Army described the number of dead as nearly double of this number. Due to the failure in stopping the activities of the rebels, the government has removed the Inspector General of Balochistan, Abdul Khaliq Sheikh, from his post. This apart, the government has allotted Rs 60 billion Pakistan Rupees to carry out a special military operation in areas affected by insurgents.

The most dreaded and oldest Islamic organisation in Muslim world, Ikhwanul Muslimeen (Muslim Brotherhood), has assured the Egyptian government that it would not take part in any kind of political activities in future. The organisation has urged the Egyptian government to release its thousands of activists lodged in different jails in the country. It is to be noted that this organisation was established in 1928 by Hassan al-Banna. Its aim is to establish Shariah rule based on true Islam in the Muslim world. Due to pressure from this organisation, the then ruler of Egypt, Farouk, had to flee his country and take refuge abroad in 1952. The organisation has been accused of killing hundreds of foreign tourists in different countries in Arab world.

Recently, a special court in Ajmer delivered its verdict in the most talked about gangrape incident. The court awarded life-term in jail as punishment to six accused and a fine of Rs 5 lakh each. The interesting thing is that the accused belong to the khadim families of the dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti. Majority of them were also the office-bearers of Congress or Youth Congress. This sex scandal took place in 1992. A group of Muslim youths blackmailed hundreds of Hindu girls studying in prestigious educational institutions and raped them. This disgusting incident was unravelled by a local newspaper 'Dainik Navjyoti.'

The Assam government has brought a law and stopped the system of Qazis registering *nakah* and *talaq*. Now, *nikah* and *talaq* will be registered by the government in the state. This apart, an age limit has also been prescribed for marriage. Fundamentalist Muslim organisations are opposing this. They allege that the government is making unwanted interference in the religious affairs of Muslims.

Six accused linked to Ajmer dargah get life-term in jail for gangrape of students



Urdu Times (August 21) states that a court in Ajmer has awarded life-term in jail to six persons belonging to the Khadim families of the dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmer on charges of raping hundreds of Hindu girl students and blackmailing them. These accused have also been imposed a fine of Rs 5 lakh each. As per the report, those who have been awarded life-term by the court include Nafees Chishti, Naseem alias Tarzan, Salim Chishti, Iqbal Bhati, Sohail Ghani and Syed Zameer Hussain. This incident was of 1992. The verdict in the case has been delivered now after 32 years. They were accused of clicking the nude pictures of more than 250 students studying in the modern educational institutions in Ajmer and threatened making them public and raped more than 100 students. After the rape, the photos of some students became viral. Due to this shameful act, at least a dozen students committed suicide. The people belonging to this gang used to call students studying in prestigious English schools and colleges in Ajmer to farmhouses through blackmail and used to gangrape them. This biggest sex scandal in the country was thus

unravelling by a Hindi newspaper 'Dainik Navjyoti'. Those students who were gangraped were between the ages of 17 and 20.

Taasir (August 21) states that this sex scandal had caused a stir across the country in 1992. After the investigation into the sex scandal, the police in Ajmer had arrested nine accused. On behalf of the government, 104 witnesses and 245 documents were presented in the court. Later nine other persons were arrested in this connection. Out of them, the nine accused were awarded life-term in jail by the sessions court in Ajmer. Whereas one accused had committed suicide. Meanwhile, another accused, Almas Maharaj, is absconding till now. One accused Naseem had escaped after being released on bail, but was nabbed later. Salim Chishti was arrested from dargah area after being tipped-off by intelligence wing. Whereas another accused Zamil Chishti got bail from the court.

The police caught the leader of this gang Nafees Chishti from Dhaula Kuan in Delhi while fleeing in a bus wearing a burqa. Later Mumbai resident Iqbal Bhati

was also arrested. One accused, Sohail Ghani, surrendered in court after absconding for 19 years. In 1998, a lower court had awarded life-term in jail to eight accused in the case, but the Rajasthan High Court had acquitted four among them in 2001. The matter came to light when the accused had handed over the nude pictures of



the students to a studio to make reels. The nude pictures of the victim students were also circulated in the market. Distressed by this, several students committed suicide.

It is being said that the administration had tried to suppress the incident in the beginning. When Vishwa Hindu Parishad and other Hindu organisations started a nationwide agitation and a bandh was organised in several places in Rajasthan, the government and police department had to take action due to pressure from the people.

Background: It is being said that the accused belong to the influential family of the city and hence the administration was on a Kumbhakarn-like sleep. As per reports, one accused, Farooq Chishti, had trapped a student of Sophia Senior Secondary School in a love affair and clicked her obscene photos. Later this student was blackmailed to bring her friends and thus hundreds of students studying in prestigious schools and colleges in Ajmer were gangraped. A fast-track court was set up to investigate this notorious sex scandal on the directions of the then chief minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. The court had awarded punishment to the main accused Farooq Chishti in 2007, but the high court released him in 2013 at the end of the jail term.

This sex scandal was unravelled by a local newspaper 'Dainik Navjyoti', but the administration suppressed the incident. A few days later, the same newspaper published yet another news, which had given an open account of the sexual

exploitation of students in Ajmer. The headline of this news was 'daughters of big people become victims of blackmail.' In view of the public anger, the intelligence department of Rajasthan provided information regarding this scandal to the then Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. He directed formation of a fast-track court to investigate the matter and gave stringent orders to the police department not to spare any accused. The interesting thing is that the intelligence department had given information regarding this shameful incident to the administration five months before it came to light.

Several organisations like Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Shiv Sena and Bajrang Dal organised state-wide protests and dharnas over the incident. Seeing the increasing public anger, the lawyers of Ajmer also came into action and a delegation of them met the then district collector Aditi Mehta and Superintendent of Police M N Dhawan. They stressed that those accused who have been identified should be immediately sent to jail under National Security Act so that people's anger subsides and the atmosphere does not become communal. Finally, the then Chief Minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat had handed over the case to the CID on May 30, 1992 and issued orders for immediate investigation. In his report, investigating officer Hari Prasad Sharma had written that "the school students of Ajmer were lured into their trap in some manner and their obscene photos were taken. Later they were blackmailed and

raped. Along with this, the gang pressured the girls to bring other girls along with them.”

Soon after the Ajmer district police filed the report, senior IPS officer N K Patni reached Ajmer with his entire team and he started investigation. Following this investigation, the city president of Youth Congress and the khadim Chishti family of the dargah, Farooq Chishti, vice-president

Nafees Chishti, joint secretary Anwar Chishti, a close relative of former Congress legislator Almas Maharaj, Isharat Ali, Iqbal Khan, Salim, Zamir, Sohail Ghani etc were caught. Recently, a film was also made on the basis of this incident and its name is ‘Ajmer 92.’ Several Muslim organisations and the khadim family of Ajmer dargah opposed the release of this film. They also demanded a ban on this film. ■

Now, government will do registration of *nikah* and *talaq* in Assam

Roznama Sahara (August 30) states that the Himanta Biswa Sarma government in Assam has passed a law in the Assembly. The law has cancelled the right of the Qazi to do registration of *nikah* and *talaq*. Now, the registration of marriage and divorce of Muslims in the state will be done by the government. This apart, the marriage of minors has also been declared illegal. It is known that the Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management Jogen Mohan presented the Assam Repealing Bill, 2024 in the Assembly on August 22. This bill has the provision to abolish The Assam Moslem Marriages and Divorces Registration Act, 1935. As per the earlier provision, the responsibility for registration of *nikah* and *talaq* as per Islamic Shariah rests with the Qazi. Under this law, there was permission to conduct the marriage of minors as per Shariah. In Shariah, no minimum age limit is prescribed for the marriage of girls.



As per the new law, registration of the marriage of minor children is illegal. In the new law, the minimum age for the marriage of girl is 18 years and that of the boy has been prescribed as 21 years. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said in the Assembly that the previous *nikah* and *talaq* conducted by the Qazis will be valid, but now the new registration for

nikah and *talaq* will be done through the registration officials appointed by the state government in districts. He said that the state government has no intention to impose any ban on *nikahs* being held under Muslim Personal Law and Islamic rituals. The ban that has been imposed on marriage of children is as per the Indian law.

Jogen Mohan said that this will curb polygamy and the married women will get help to take care of themselves. This apart, after the death of the husband, it would be easy for the widow to get succession. He said that once this law is implemented, the system of men abandoning their wife after marriage will also come to an end. In the Assembly, the Opposition parties opposed this and said that this law is discriminatory towards Muslims and an interference in Shariah. Its sole aim is polarisation of votes. Legislator of AIUDF Rafiqul Islam described this law as an interference in

Islam and Shariah. He said that we would oppose this law in the court.

Roznama Sahara (August 31) states that the Assam government has cancelled the old system of granting two hours leave to the employees of the Assembly to offer Friday prayers. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said this facility was given to the employees by Syed Saadulah of Muslim League in 1937. Several ministers of Assam welcomed this decision and described it as another important step towards establishing true secularism in Assam.

Sahafat (August 28) states that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has created a sensation in political circles by giving a controversial statement. He said that he would not allow Mian Muslims to seize Assam. He claimed that he would stand by his statement. The Opposition can do whatever they think is right. The chief minister was speaking in the Assembly on the issue of the rape of a 14-year-old girl in Nagaon district. Taking a swipe at Muslims, he said that if the rate of population growth is controlled, there will not be increase in crimes. It is to be noted that the chief minister had said last month that the population of Muslims is increasing by 30 percent in every 10 years in his state and by 2041 they will become the majority. This is a harsh reality.

Taasir (August 31) states that several Muslim organisations have criticised the ban imposed by the government on the registration of nikah and talaq by the Qazis. Organisations like Muslim League, All India Muslim Personal Law Board and Jamiat Ulema have also announced their decision to approach the Supreme Court in this connection.

Aurangabad Times (August 30) states that 18 Opposition parties in Assam have filed a case against Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on charges of spreading communal hatred in the state. Deputy Commissioner of Police in Guwahati has confirmed that a complaint filed by the Opposition has been received



at Dispur police station, but no FIR has been filed as yet. The Opposition leaders have accused the chief minister of criminal conspiracy and demanded his arrest.

Inqilab (September 1) in its editorial has criticised the statement of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and said that the chief minister has abandoned all the problems being faced in the state and is focusing on Muslim enmity. We are suffering because he is at a high position. He has to deal with all the citizens in the state in an equal manner but he has taken the contract for Muslim enmity. The surprising thing is that the chief minister had held several responsible positions in the Congress party for several years in the past but after taking a dip in the Gangotri of BJP, he is now a totally different person. Now it looks like he wants to become the third top leader in BJP by resorting to Muslim hostility. Till now, after Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, the third face was that of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Now Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is resorting to Muslim hostility in order to take the position of Yogi. Sarma wants to ensure that the BJP high command does not remove him from his post before the Assembly elections and hence he is making efforts to strengthen his position by resorting to Muslim enmity.

Hindustan (August 25) has alleged that nowadays the chief minister of Assam is playing the game of spitting poison against Muslims and depriving them of the basic rights given to them in the Constitution with great impunity. Sarma wants to be at the forefront of the race to



become the poster boy of Hindutva so that he could catch the attention of elder brother Prime Minister Modi. This is the reason why there is a competition between Yogi and Sarma on persecuting Muslims. The newspaper alleged that Sarma is throwing to winds the freedom given to the minorities in the Constitution to live their life as per their belief system. The Assam government has now decided that the registration of Muslim marriage will be done by the saffron government, not the Qazi. This is a threat to any country. Himanta Biswa Sarma is emerging as a Hitler.

Hamara Samaj (August 30) has opposed the Muslim Marriage Registration bill and described it as an interference in the Shariah of Muslims. In the 1935 law, the right to take decisions on the marriage and nikah of Muslims has been given to Qazis and 95 Qazis were designated as registrars, but now the government has cancelled this law. Is this not discrimination towards Muslims? Hasn't this step by Himanta exposed the reality of Prime Minister Modi's slogan of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas'?

Siasat (August 31) in its editorial said that the chief minister of Assam is openly running an anti-Muslim campaign. The Assam government has brought a new law banning the registration of Muslim *nikah* and *talaq* by the Qazis. Such a thing has not been done in any other state in the country till now. Isn't this an open violation of the rights given to the minorities in the Constitution? The newspaper criticised the decision of the Assam government to end the system of

granting two hours' leave for the employees in the Assembly to offer Friday prayers. Though this order has been issued by the Speaker of the Assembly, the hands of the government were definitely behind this decision. The newspaper has appealed to the Muslims across the country that they get united to give a befitting reply to Muslim enmity.

Etemaad (August 31) in its editorial said that there are 34 percent Muslims in Assam. The purpose of the law that has been brought by the Assam government regarding the *nikah* and *talaq* of Muslims is to abolish the rights given to the Muslims in the Constitution. The Himanta Biswa Sarma government said that it wants to implement a Uniform Civil Code like in Uttarakhand for *nikah*, *talaq*, adoption and succession. Is it not an interference in the religious affairs of Muslims? It is worth mentioning that the chief minister is targeting the Muslims right from the beginning. He has taken action against Islamic madrasas as well. In 2022, a court had directed that an FIR shall be registered against him on the issue of making communal comments. Himanta Biswa Sarma had also said he may not need the votes of Mian Muslims for the next 10 years. He has been running a hate campaign on the pretext of the increasing population of Muslims. Sarma wants to divide the voters on the basis of religion ahead of the Assembly elections in the state.

Mumbai Urdu News (August 31) in its editorial expressed satisfaction that the 18 Opposition parties in Assam had alleged that Chief Minister Sarma is pushing the state towards communal riots by spreading hatred against Muslims. These Opposition parties also registered a case against the chief minister. The interesting thing is that in order to rub salt on the wounds of Muslims, pig meat is also being supplied in the Assembly canteen at the behest of the government. Recently, a campaign has also been intensified to shut down a university set up by Muslims.

Prime Minister's statement on secular civil code targeted



Minister is talking about a secular civil code.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (August 18) states that the All India Muslim Personal Law Board has described the secular civil code and communal civil code statement as mischievous. The board said that Muslims will not abandon the Shariah law under any circumstance. Board spokesperson Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas said this is a well-planned conspiracy by Modi. He said that Indian

On the occasion of Independence Day, while addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Prime Minister Modi mentioned about secular civil code. The Urdu media strongly reacted to this statement by him.

Urdu Times (August 16) states that the Congress has alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had insulted the maker of the Constitution, Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, by stating that ever since Independence, a communal civil code is in force. General Secretary of the party Jairam Ramesh claimed that Ambedkar was a staunch supporter of reforms in Hindu Personal Law while the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Bharatiya Jansangh had opposed it. He accused Prime Minister Modi of keeping religious hatred. While referring to the statement of the Prime Minister, Ramesh said that it is an effort to divide the Opposition. Commenting on the secular civil code statement of Modi, another leader of Congress, Salman Khurshid, said the Constitution is above all. Whatever the Constitution allows will happen. Leader of Nationalist Congress Party Supriya Sule said this is not a BJP government, instead an NDA government and the Prime

Muslims have time and again said their personal law is based on Shariah, which no Muslim under any circumstance can abandon.

Inquilab (August 18) said in its editorial that the Prime Minister had described the Uniform Civil Code as a secular civil code so that the Opposition could be put in trouble on this issue and they would not be able to oppose it. Our opinion is that this term would benefit the opposition itself and the difficulties of BJP will increase because the Prime Minister by invoking the term 'secular' has given recognition to secularism. The newspaper said that Prime Minister Modi has raised the issue of Uniform Civil Code in his speech. It is a favourite topic of the ruling party. Now efforts are being made to strongly raise the issue, but neither the Jan Sangh nor today's BJP have made it clear what is their interest in the Uniform Civil Code? They want to exploit it at political level. They want to take political benefit out of it by stating that Muslims are a hurdle for Uniform Civil Code and it has the support of Congress. The truth is that if Uniform Civil Code is implemented in the country, its greater influence will be on non-Muslims. The more the BJP rakes up

this issue, the more it will move away from the people. This is the first time that the Uniform Civil Code has been given the new name of a secular civil code. The BJP has enmity towards secularism right from the beginning. Is this the result of a change of heart for BJP that the Uniform Civil Code is converted as a secular civil code? The intriguing thing is that the Prime Minister did not hesitate from targeting even the Constituent Assembly.



Hindustan Express (August 17) has expressed surprise in its editorial that the Prime Minister has not only advocated the implementation of Uniform Civil Code, but has also labelled the present civil code as a communal one. The Prime Minister Modi has stressed that now country needs a secular civil code. At one level, the Prime Minister never misses out on offering tributes to the maker of the Constitution Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar. On the other hand, he has declared the civil code formulated by Ambedkar as communal. The newspaper said that Hindustan is a democratic country. Here every individual has the freedom to follow his own religious beliefs. This is the reason why this statement by the Prime Minister is criticised by all.

Hindustan (August 22) said the secular civil code statement of the Prime Minister has created a sense of uneasiness among the thinkers and scholars of different religions, because they understand that this statement as against religious freedom. The supporters of Uniform Civil Code claim that this law promotes justice and equality and will eliminate legal complications. They also argue that the rights of women could be rightly protected through this law. On the other hand, its opponents say that this law will be against the freedom given to different communities in the Indian Constitution and their traditions. Muslims consider Uniform Civil Code as an attack on their religious freedom. They say that Shariah law is a part of their religion and it is necessary to

maintain their identity. They will not accept Uniform Civil Code under any circumstance. The newspaper has suggested that to stop the arbitrary actions of the government, the cooperation of people of other religions should also be taken and a mass movement shall be started against it in the country.

In an article published in **Etemaad** (August 18), the secular civil code statement of the prime minister has been described as a political ploy. The intriguing thing is that the prime minister, while describing the present civil code as communal, has announced that now time has come to implement a secular civil code in the country. We have adopted a communal civil code for the past 75 years. Now we have to take steps towards a secular civil code. The Opposition, while describing his statement as an insult to the maker of Constitution Dr Ambedkar, demanded an apology from him. The writer said that if one asks the truth, we are very happy with this statement of the prime minister. We are among those who were yearning to hear the word secular from the mouth of the Prime Minister. Whenever he speaks, he speaks against secularism. The BJP has got three agenda as its goal right from the beginning. The first is the construction of a grant Ram temple in Ayodhya, and second scrapping Article 370 of the Constitution which was applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. These two goals have already been achieved. In such a situation,

now it has started singing the tunes to implement a Uniform Civil Code so that this country can be turned into a Hindu nation. Everybody knows that the BJP government talks about implementing the Uniform Civil Code so that the Muslims could be provoked. Their real target is the Muslim Personal Law, which it wants to scrap at any cost.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (August 25) has criticised the prime minister for advocating secular civil code or the Uniform Civil Code and said that the BJP deliberately wants to finish off Islam and the Muslims. In the BJP-ruled states, several kinds of restrictions have been imposed in the trade of meat. Our current ruler, on the pretext of the secular civil code, wants people of other religions also to follow the same rituals for marriage which are followed by

the majority community in the country. However, this obsession of his is totally against the religious freedom being given to the people by the Constitution.

Hindustan Express (August 23) has opposed the secular civil code statement of the prime minister and said that before the Independence, in 1937, a Shariah Application Act was made for Muslims. Later in 1939, a special law was made for marriages of Muslims. In 1955, Hindu Marriage Act was formed and Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists were forcefully included in this. However, Indian Christian Marriage Act and Anand Karaj Marriage Act are present in this country. Despite this, the prime minister is trying to wipe out the rights given to the minorities in the Constitution, hence the minorities should oppose it.

Order to probe fake enrolment in madrasas in Madhya Pradesh



Siasat (August 18) states that the Madhya Pradesh government said that there is largescale fraud in the Islamic madrasas in the state which are getting government grants. The state government has decided to investigate the fraud. The National Child Rights Protection Commission (NCRPC), in a letter sent to the state government, said

that it had received complaints that names of several non-Muslim students were registered in the madrasas in a fraudulent manner to obtain government grants. Whereas, these students do not study in these madrasas. Now the state government has decided to verify the number of students getting admission into madrasas

which are getting grants from the government and ensure that without the consent of the parents of the students, they shall not be given any kind of religious education.

The government said that if the names of children are registered in a fraudulent manner in the madrasas, then the grant being given to the madrasas will be stopped and apart from cancelling their recognition, legal action will also be taken against them. Citing Article 28 (3) of the Constitution, the government said that without the consent of the parents, children cannot be compelled to take part in any religious activity being organised in any institution or given religious education in any educational institution recognised by the state government or getting financial aid from it.

It has been alleged in reports published in media that fake identity cards of students are being used in Madhya Pradesh and a fraud is going on to obtain grants from the government by enrolling children as students of madrasas. Compared to other districts in the state, the Muslim population is much less in Bhind and Morena districts, but the highest number of madrasas is in these two places. The managers of the madrasas claim that more Hindu students study in these

madrasas than Muslim students. It is being said that in order to get government grants, majority of the Hindu children whom the managers of madrasas recruit as their students, study either in private or government schools and they do not even visit the madrasas. The parents of the students also do not have the information whether the names of their children are registered as madrasa students. In Morena, there are 70 madrasas and in Bhind there are 67 madrasas. Their managers claim that 3,880 Hindu students study in them. Whereas in Burhanpur, which has the highest Muslim population in the state, there are only 23 madrasas.

As per the complaints filed with NCPCR, this fraud of enrollment of students in madrasas is being done to usurp the money meant for food and mid-day meals. Each madrasa having 100 students get Rs 50,000 as government grant every month. NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo said that the names of 9,400 Hindu students are registered with the madrasas in the state. Minister for School Education Rao Uday Pratap Singh said that the issue is quite serious and hence the state government has ordered a high-level inquiry into it so that legal action could be taken against the accused managers of madrasas. ■

Huge rift in Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen

Mumbai Urdu News (August 20) states that as soon as the Assembly election has come closer in Maharashtra, sharp differences have arisen in Asaduddin Owaisi's party All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen. A huge ruckus took place at the office of the party and the supporters of two groups clashed against each other in which many people were injured. In fact, the president of AIMIM in Mumbai, Faiyaz Ahmad, was removed from his post recently and Raiees Lashkaria has been made the president in his place. When the supporters of Faiyaz Ahmad received this information, they created a huge ruckus at the press conference organised at the party

office and the president of Maharashtra AIMIM Imtiaz Jaleel was assaulted.

The former Mumbai unit president of Asaduddin Owaisi's party had described AIMIM as the B team of BJP and Eknath Shinde. President of Maharashtra unit of AIMIM Imtiaz Jaleel asked how Faiyaz Ahmad got to know that we are the B team of BJP? We have removed Faiz from the post of the Mumbai unit president due to his anti-party activities and hence he started mentioning us as the B team of some other party. He said that in politics you have to create space for others and they have to contest the elections. Now, who will be the party president in Mumbai will be decided



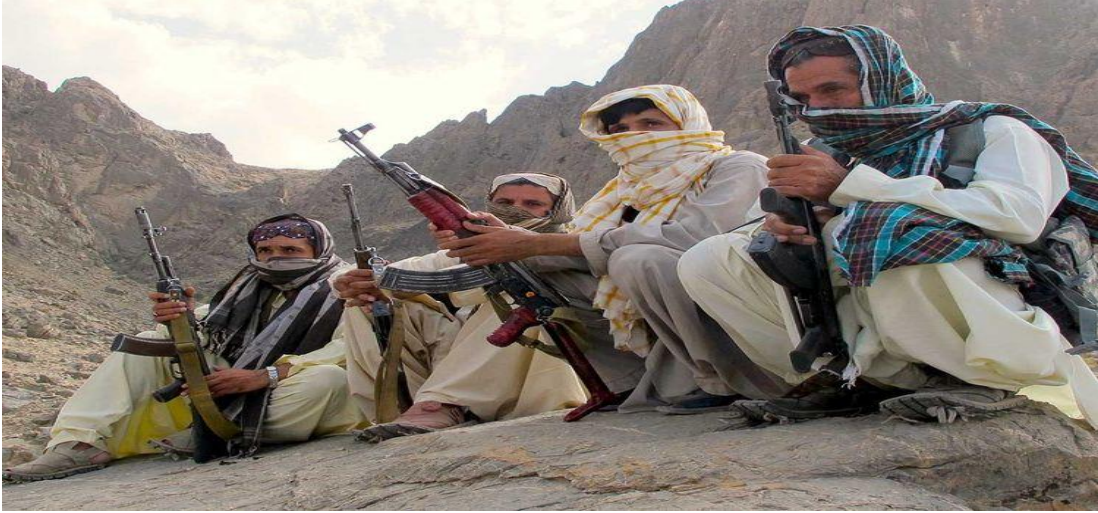
by the party's national president Asaduddin Owaisi. If discipline is not maintained in the party, it will harm the Muslim leadership of Maharashtra.

Talking to Mumbai Urdu News, Faiyaz Ahmad reiterated his words. Whereas Imtiaz Jaleel said whatever decision was taken, it was taken with the consent of Faiyaz Ahmad. He is deliberately raking up this issue. He said that this press conference was called to run a campaign against the communal statements delivered by Ramgiri Maharaj in Nashik. Jaleel said that we are deliberating whether AIMIM should contest the Maharashtra Assembly elections by joining the INDIA alliance or not. He said that discussions are being held with regard to party's relationship with Maha Vikas Aghadi, so that BJP could be stopped from coming back to power.

The newspaper said in its editorial that the differences that have occurred in AIMIM before the elections in the state have raised a serious question mark on the Muslim political leadership in the state. For the past few years, due to the efforts of Owaisi, the influence of AIMIM has increased among the Muslim voters of Maharashtra, but the recent developments have dealt a serious damage to the image of the party. The supporters of Faiyaz Ahmad

have described their party as a B team of BJP. This will further fuel differences within the party. Currently, the AIMIM has two seats from Mumbai in the Assembly, which is considered as a huge victory for the party. It is clear from this that the party's influence among Muslims is sharply increasing outside Telangana as well. This development will create frustration among Muslims voters in the state and it will have a negative impact on the party's growing influence among Muslims. For the past few years, the party has been making continuous efforts to increase its influence among Muslims. The party has been raising the problems of Muslims and also raising the voice for the protection of the rights of Muslims. Muslim vote bank was always an important part of Maharashtra politics. These differences will benefit the anti-AIMIM parties in the state. As a matter of fact, Congress, Nationalist Congress Party and Shiv Sena will try to attract more Muslim votes to them. The alliance of Congress, Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party is considered as a strong alliance in the state. Imtiaz Jaleel and Asaduddin Owaisi have to try and immediately remove the internal differences in the party so that the Muslim vote bank of the party remains intact.

BLA kills more than 100 Pakistani soldiers



According to foreign news agencies, the Balochistan Liberation Army has claimed to have killed nearly 130 Pakistani soldiers in series of attacks in Balochistan province in Pakistan. Whereas the Pakistan government said that its 14 soldiers were killed in these attacks. According to *Balochistan Post*, the BLA attacked 12 places in Balochistan under 'Operation Herof.' In this connection, the rebels of BLA targeted several camps of Pakistani soldiers and police chowkis. The BLA claimed that its goal is to liberate Balochistan from the clutches of Pakistan and this campaign has been started in that connection. It also claimed that 800 fighters of BLA took part in the campaign. BLA spokesperson Jeeyand Baloch said this is the beginning of our armed campaign against Pakistani soldiers. He claimed that the Majeed Brigade (suicide squad) of BLA had seized the Bela military camp in Balochistan for 20 hours and killed 68 Pakistani soldiers. He said the personnel of Balochistan police are our brothers and hence we did not take any action against them.

Etemaad (August 27) states that the Pakistan government has admitted that more than 60 people were killed in Balochistan. A spokesperson of Pakistan

army claimed that 14 Pakistani soldiers and 21 terrorists were killed in this attack.

Sahafat (August 30) states that the Inspector General of Balochistan Police Abdul Khaliq Sheikh has been removed from his post due to his failure in eliminating the Balochistan rebels. Moazzam Jah Ansaari has been appointed as the Inspector General of Police in his place.

Taasir (August 25) states that the Pakistan government has allocated a special amount of Rs 60 billion to conduct military operations in order to crush terrorist and rebellious activities in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. As per another news published in this newspaper, the BLA has selectively targeted Chinese companies and Chinese projects. In Nazirabad, the Baloch rebels destroyed the pipeline that supplies gas to the power plant. The responsibility for this attack was owned by Baloch Republican Guards. It is to be noted that this project is being run by China. Spokesperson of United Baloch Army, Mirza Baloch, said the fighters of his organisation attacked one vehicle and killed five Chinese experts.

According to **Urdu Times** (August 27), armed attackers pulled out Punjabis from trucks and buses after verifying their

identity at Rarasham region in Musakhel district in Balochistan. Later they shot dead 23 Punjabi passengers. Pakistan's interior minister Mohsin Naqvi has described it as a dreaded terrorist incident. He said that we will not spare the guilty. Chief Minister of Balochistan Sarfaraz Bugti has also condemned the incident.

Avadhnama (August 24) states that armed assailants had attacked a convoy of police. This incident took place in Rahimyar Khan district in Punjab province. As per a press release of Punjab police, the armed attackers had killed at least 11 police personnel. Nine persons were also injured in this attack. Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has condemned the attack. He directed the Army to take stringent action against the attackers. Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari also condemned the attack and said those who attack the police and army will not be spared at any cost. Director General of Police of Punjab Dr Usman Anwar said the assailants attacked the vehicles of police using rockets. He said that a detailed information is being collected in this connection.

Avadhnama (August 25) states that at least three persons were killed and 13 injured in a bomb explosion that took place in Pishin district in Balochistan. The SHO of the area, Mujibur Rahman, has described it as a terrorist attack.

Urdu Times (August 28) states that the European Union has condemned the terrorist attacks that took place in Balochistan and said that such incidents are a threat to democracy. Whereas China has announced to cooperate with Pakistan government in its fight against terrorism.

According to Pakistani newspaper **The News International** (August 16), the BLA has attacked the shopkeepers selling



the national flag of Pakistan in the Liaquat Bazar in Quetta using bombs in which three shopkeepers died and six were injured. According to the newspaper, the BLA has owned responsibility for the attack. The organisation said they had warned the shopkeepers of Balochistan that they should not sell the national flag on the occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day. They did not obey our directions and hence we took action against them. It is worth mentioning that the BLA had directed the residents of Balochistan to boycott the Independence Day of Pakistan and do not take part in any function related to it.

What is Balochistan Liberation Army?

The Balochistan Liberation Army came into existence in the 1970 decade. Pakistan, Britain and the US consider it as a terrorist organisation. It is worth mentioning that the people of Balochistan has been fighting against the domination of Punjabis right from the time of formation of Pakistan. The BLA claims that Pakistan and China are jointly exploring their natural mineral resources. Their demand is to recognise Balochistan as an independent nation. In 1973, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had alleged that foreign hands were behind the formation of BLA. For the past four years, the BLA has been continuously targeting the Pakistani Army and the Chinese citizens based in Balochistan.

Ban on Jamaat-e-Islami in Bangladesh lifted



Avadhnama (August 29) reports that the interim government of Bangladesh has announced the lifting of the ban imposed on the country's most prominent fundamentalist Islamic party, Jamaat-e-Islami, and the organisations linked to it. The government of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina had imposed a ban on Jamaat-e-Islami under the Anti-Terrorism Law. Her government had claimed that the Jamaat-e-Islami had a hand in the anti-government protests in Bangladesh. Whereas the present government has claimed that no evidence has been found about the involvement of Jamaat-e-Islami in terrorist activities during the investigation. It is said that Jamaat-e-Islami is considered as a fundamentalist Islamic organisation and a supporter of Pakistan.

According to newspapers, hundreds of activists of Jamaat-e-Islami had been lodged in jails on the orders of the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina. This apart, cases were registered against several leaders of this organisation on charges of siding with Pakistan during the Bangladesh liberation struggle and they were hanged to death. In 2013, a ban was imposed on Jamaat-e-Islami from taking part in the elections in the country. The Islamic party claims that it reposes faith in freedom of Bangladesh, regional sovereignty and protection of Islamic values. It wants

Shariah law to be implemented in Bangladesh and convert it into an Islamic welfare state instead of a secular one.

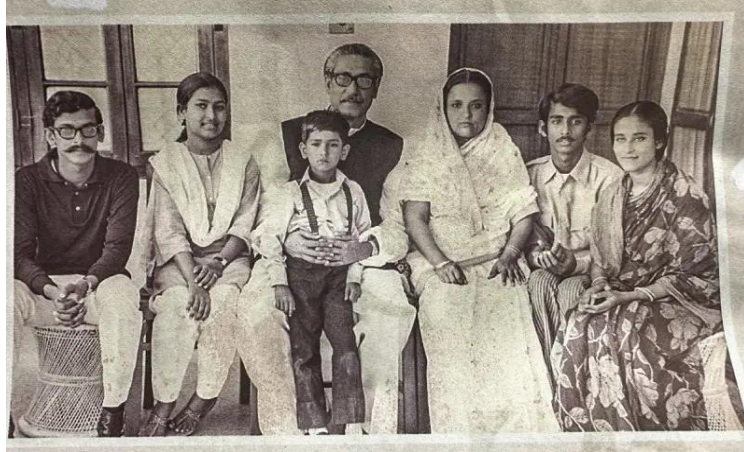
Jamaat-e-Islami's claim is that it is the biggest Islamic party in Bangladesh. This organisation was established by renowned Islamic thinker Maulana Abul A'la Maududi in Lahore in 1941. While establishing this organisation, he had declared that Jamaat-e-Islami will promote Islamic values in Indian subcontinent and will establish a unified Islamic state in the subcontinent. After the Partition of the country, the Jamaat-e-Islami got divided into two groups. Among them, one group was given the name Jamaat-e-Islami Hind and its headquarters was established at Rampur in Uttar Pradesh. Whereas the second group was named as Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan and its headquarters was established in Lahore. Later, after the Partition of Pakistan in 1971, Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan also got divided and a new group, Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, came into being, whose headquarters was established in Dhaka.

Earlier, mass protests had taken place in Pakistan against imposition of Urdu on Bengalis. In the general elections held in Pakistan in 1970, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's party Awami League got majority in the National Assembly, but Mujibur Rahman was put in jail on the

orders of the Pakistani Army and the leader there Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and he was stopped from taking oath of office as the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Along with this, the Pakistani Army started largescale genocide and gangrape of women in Bangladesh. In protest against this incident, the Mukti Bahini of Bangla-speakers launched a rebel movement and India stood with Bangladesh. In the end, Pakistan had to face a humiliating defeat and its 93,000 soldiers had to surrender before Lt General Jagjit Singh Arora of India. After the declaration of Independence of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had to be released from Pakistani jail due to pressure from across the world and he took over as the first President of Bangladesh.

The Awami League government in Bangladesh had alleged that the Jamaat-e-Islami had helped Pakistani Army during the liberation struggle. The Pakistani Army had formed two armed extremist organisations namely Al Shams and Al Badr in order to crush the Bangladesh liberation movement in which people belonging to the student wing of Jamaat were recruited. These organisations committed mass genocide of minorities and Bengali Muslims. The Razakars of these organisations helped the Pakistani Army and worked against the Mukti Bahini during the Bangladesh liberation struggle. As per official claims, during the period of nine months of Bangladeshi liberation struggle, more than 30 lakh people were killed and 2 lakh women were raped. Nearly one crore people (majority minority Hindus) had to flee Bangladesh and take refuge in India.

After coming to power, the Mujib government imposed a ban on all religious organisations from taking part in politics. In 1975, at the behest of Pakistan, the Bangladesh Army killed Mujibur Rahman



and several members of his family. Following this, a military dictatorship prevailed in Bangladesh till 1996. During the reign of Khalida Zia, the ban imposed on Jamaat-e-Islami was lifted. After Sheikh Hasina came to power in 2008, several laws were made to crush Jamaat-e-Islami and the main Opposition party Bangladesh Nationalist Party. In February 2013, a leader of Al-Badr, Abdul Qadir Mullah, was given life-term for the mass murder of 344 minorities during the liberation struggle of 1971, which was later converted into death sentence. Similarly, hundreds of activists of Jamaat-e-Islami were given different punishments on charges of committing war crimes.

Urdu Times (August 24) states that the interim government in Bangladesh has cancelled the diplomatic passport of Sheikh Hasina and all the ministers of her cabinet and of many other prominent leaders. As per a government notification, former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, members of her cabinet, her advisor and all members of the dissolved National Assembly were entitled to diplomatic passport in virtue of their position. Now since they have been removed from their posts, it becomes necessary to cancel their diplomatic passports as well. According to the newspaper, the Army has shot dead more than 500 people in order to crush the mass protests which erupted against the Hasina government. A team from United Nations has arrived in Bangladesh to investigate the incident.

Etemaad (August 21) reports that a special tribunal constituted by the Bangladesh government will investigate the crimes of the deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The head of the investigation wing of the tribunal Aatur Rahman said the Hasina government has been accused of shooting dead nearly 500 people during the protests. The people have filed three cases against Hasina and her

colleagues for mass murder. The tribunal will conduct an investigation into them. It is to be noted that Sheikh Hasina is presently staying in India.

Hindustan (August 28) states that the student leaders of Bangladesh have demanded that Sheikh Hasina should be brought to Bangladesh from Bharat and a case for mass murder should be registered against her.

Taliban expels 281 security personnel for not keeping beard



Qaumi Tanzeem (August 22) states that the Taliban government in Afghanistan has announced that 281 members of Afghan's security forces were dismissed from their jobs on charges of not keeping beard. Director of planning and legislation in the ministry Mohibullah Mokhlis said in a press conference that in Islam there is a ban on music and hence the police raided several places in the country and destroyed 21,328 musical instruments and also seized the cinemas being sold in the market.

Urdu Times (August 22) states that the United Nations has sent its two special representatives to Afghanistan to study the violation of human rights in the country. The Taliban government in Afghanistan stopped them from entering the country. Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid

alleged that due to pressure from the Christian lobby, the United Nations is running a special campaign against the Islamic government of Afghanistan. He said we will never accept this.

Urdu Times (August 16) states that it has been claimed in a report of UNESCO that after Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, 14 lakh girls have been deprived of secondary and higher education. The Taliban government is permitting only a limited number of

students to go to primary schools. It has been alleged in the report that Afghanistan is the only country in the world where women are deprived of education.

Qaumi Tanzeem (August 25) states that the law ministry of Afghanistan has announced in its website that the supreme leader of Taliban Hibatullah Akhundzada has approved a new law in the country. As per this law, the Islamic Shariah law has been implemented across the country. Now every Afghan citizen has to live as per the laws prescribed in the Islamic Shariah and he or she has to wear the dress which has been prescribed in Shariah. As per this law, the media has been directed not to publish any material which insults Shariah law and the religion or that carries the photo of any

well-known individual. Those who violate these laws will be given stringent punishment under Islamic law.

Inqilab (August 29) states that Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid said that Afghanistan is an Islamic country, and hence we will implement the Shariah

laws prescribed by Islam under any circumstance. He said those Western countries which are targeting Islam and Shariah do not have any understanding about Islam and they are intoxicated by power. He said that restrictions have been imposed on women as per Shariah.

Leaders of radical Islamic organisation expelled from Germany

Roznama Sahara (August 30) reports that the German government has announced expulsion of the 57-year-old head of banned Islamic radical organisation, Islamic Centre Hamburg (IZH), Mohammad Hadi Mofatteh from Germany for his involvement in terrorist activities. This apart, the website of IZH and the



social media account linked to it were also banned. According to the German government, Mohammad Hadi Mofatteh has been working as a representative of the supreme religious leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and he wanted to establish an Islamic Caliphate in Germany through Islamic revolution. Iran has launched a protest against this decision of the German government.

Avadhnama (August 23) states that the government lawyer has alleged in a court in Germany that people belonging to Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS has been conspiring to blow up the parliament of Sweden through an explosion. In this connection, two persons were arrested in March this year. Following their interrogation, the police arrived at the conclusion that they were conspiring for an attack on the Parliament of Sweden. The purpose of this conspiracy is to take revenge against the incidents of burning of Muslims' religious text Quran in Sweden and a few other European nations last year. The government lawyer said that two of those people who were caught belong to

the group which was constituted in Germany in 2023. The two arrested persons are of Afghan origin and they have been collecting financial aid from the Muslims of European nations and provide the same to the module of the ISIS which are active in Afghanistan

and Pakistan. This module's name is stated to be ISIS Khorasan chapter.

According to the government lawyer, those who were caught had made a plan to shoot dead police and other people in Sweden's Parliament and surrounding areas. This conspiracy was planned on the directions of the Khorasan chapter of ISIS. The government lawyer said they had also purchased weapons and ammunition with the same purpose but the German intelligence agency got information about their intentions before the attack. Later, in March this year they were arrested from Gera city in Germany. They were in jail since then.

Hindustan Express (August 26) states that in Solingen city in Germany, a suspect belonging to ISIS was arrested on charges of killing three German citizens during a fair. He was caught from a hostel belonging to refugees. While refusing to provide more information in this connection, the government said that it would affect the investigation in the case. The news agency of ISIS 'Amaq' has taken responsibility for the attack and said that

the knife attack on a Christian prayer meeting at Solingen city in Germany was carried out by an ISIS boy. This attack was carried out as revenge against the attack on Palestine by the Jews. The German government confirmed that these two individuals had murdered two men and one woman at the Christian prayer hall. Whereas eight others were injured. The police took into custody one attacker from the spot itself and arrested another person on the basis of his interrogation. Whereas few were said to be absconding.

It is worth mentioning that last month the German government had banned the Islamic Centre and its subsidiary organisations located in Hamburg city. According to the interior ministry of Germany, these organisations have been spreading Islamic terrorism, which has created a threat to the security of Germany. The government spokesperson also alleged that Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS is conspiring for the establishment of an

Islamic Caliphate in Germany and in this connection Muslims held massive protests in several cities in Germany and demanded that the rule of Islamic Caliphate shall be implemented in the Muslim majority regions in Germany.

Qaumi Tanzeem (August 25) states that the Russian military shot dead four prisoners. These prisoners belong to Islamic terrorist organisation ISIS. They carried out attacks at four churches and one Jewish place of worship in the past few days in Russia. Nearly 16 people were killed in this attack. According to Russian media, those who carried out the attack were citizens of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Russian government confirmed that the accused who are behind the bars in Russian jail in connection with this attack had carried out an attack on the employees of the jail and killed two persons and injured four others. Following this, the Russian soldiers had to take action against these violent prisoners. ■

Top Chinese General honoured with Nishan-e-Imtiaz

Roznama Sahara (August 28) states that Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari has honoured the commander of People's Liberation Army Ground Force General Li Qiaoming with Nishan-e-Imtiaz. According to Pakistani newspaper 'Dawn,' a special ceremony was held at the Presidential House for the event. In this ceremony, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and other ministers also took part.



It is to be noted that earlier Li Qiaoming held several secret meetings with Pakistan's Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir for several days. The public relations department of Pakistan Army confirmed these meetings. As per a press release of public relations department, the Army chief of the two countries held talks on security, intelligence, military training and on stepping up financial cooperation in

the manufacture of weapons. It has been decided in this meeting that both countries will cooperate with each other to make security related matters of this region effective. While lauding the military ability of Pakistan, the Chinese General said that it is fully prepared to face any kind of attacks. He said that the cooperation is improving between the two countries in the defence sector and it is an indication of mutual brotherhood. ■

Ikhwanul Muslimeen to stay away from politics



Inquilab (August 26) reports that the deputy chief of the most dreaded jihadi Islamic organisation Ikhwanul Muslimeen (Muslim Brotherhood), Dr Salah Abdel Haq, said in one of his messages that in future his organisation will not take part in any kind of political activities. Along with this, he urged the government of Egypt to release those thousands of supporters of Ikhwanul Muslimeen who have been lodged in jails. This news was disclosed by Turkiye's prominent YouTube channel Al Mashriq. Nowadays Dr Haq spends a life of exile in London. Journalist of this YouTube channel Majid Abdullah said that Ikhwanul Muslimeen had announced that it was ready for an agreement with Egypt government and it would not take part in politics for the next 15 years. Dr Salah Abdel Haq also said that the government should forget about the developments that took place in Egypt after the end of the rule of Ikhwanul Muslimeen there in 2013. He said that he seeks apology from the government and the people of Egypt for its activities. He claimed that he had taken this decision in the interest of Islam. Along with this, the more than 1,500 Ikhwan leaders who are lodged in jails in Egypt had sent a letter to the President of Egypt and

sought apology. They said they would not take part in political activities in future and will keep away from violence.

Roznama Sahara (August 26) states that the chief of Ikhwanul Muslimeen Mohammed Badie has also sought apology from the Egypt government for his organisation's violent activities. He urged the government to pardon the thousands of its activists lodged in Egyptian jails. He said he is ready for an agreement with the Egyptian government.

What is Ikhwanul Muslimeen?

Ikhwanul Muslimeen is the biggest radical Islamic organisation in Muslim world. Its network is spread in all Arab countries. Ikhwanul Muslimeen was established by Hassan al-Banna in 1928. Its aim is to organise Muslim community on the basis of Shariah and Quran and bring a radical Islamist government to power. This organisation had opposed the influence of Britain in Egypt and ran an armed struggle against the then ruler of Egypt, Farouk. Farouk was accused of functioning as a British puppet and taking the country towards Christianity and Western culture after finishing off Islam. Due to the violent campaign of this organisation, Farouk had to flee from Egypt in 1952. Following this,

a clash took place between Ikhwanul Muslimeen and the Army over seizing power. Ikhwanul Muslimeen opposed socialism, secularism and pan-Arab campaign.

In 1954, Ikhwan tried to assassinate the President of Egypt, Gamal Abdel Nasser. Following this, Nasser unleashed a nationwide campaign to crush this jihadi organisation. As part of this campaign, thousands of people associated with this



organisation were arrested. Its leader Sayyid Qutb and his several colleagues were sent to jail. Sayyid Qutb is considered as the founder of Islamic terrorist organisations Al Qaida and Hamas. In 1966, Sayyid Qutb was hanged to death. Following this, an agreement was reached between the then President of Egypt Anwar Sadat and the leaders of Ikhwanul Muslimeen. The leaders of Ikhwan announced that they would not take part in violent activities in future. In 1981, a subsidiary organisation of Ikhwan, Al-Jihad, assassinated Sadat. Following this, the organisation started openly taking part in politics. In the general elections held in Egypt in 1984, Ikhwan extended support to its own subsidiary organisation 'Wafad Party.' The Wafad Party registered victory in 65 seats out of the total 450 seats in Egypt Parliament. This apart, dozens of people associated with this organisation won the elections as independent candidates. Following this, the influence of Ikhwan increased in the politics of Egypt and it deposed the then President of Egypt Hosni Mubarak from power in 2011. In the general elections held in Egypt in 2012, the Ikhwan reached an agreement with 'Freedom and Justice Party' and registered victory in 84 percent seats in Parliament. Along with this, the candidate of Ikhwan, Mohamed Morsi, was elected as the President. Later differences occurred between Ikhwan and the Army. Later due

to massive protests by this organisation, Mohamed Morsi had to abdicate power. It is being said that Morsi developed differences with Army chief Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and el-Sisi dissolved the Constitution and seized power. Ikhwan opposed this and launched nationwide mass protests. The Army shot dead more than 1,200 protesters. El-Sisi imposed a ban on Ikhwan and arrested thousands of the supporters of the organisation including Morsi. Morsi was booked for treason and he died in jail itself under mysterious circumstances in 2019. Following this, Ikhwan adopted the path of violence. It is being said that Qatar and Turkey had secretly helped Ikhwan and hundreds of activists of this organisation were given refuge in their countries. This organisation was also accused of killing hundreds of tourists in 1997. In 2019, after the visit of the President of Egypt El-Sisi to the US, the US had declared this organisation as a terror outfit. The leaders of Ikhwan allege that El-Sisi is running a campaign to crush their organisation due to pressure from the US and hundreds of their activists have been hanged to death. Recently, the President of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited Egypt. Following this visit by him, a new turn has taken place in the policies of Turkiye. The Turkish government cancelled the citizenship of more than 200 leaders of Ikhwan staying in the country.

Report of helicopter crash of Ebrahim Raisi made public

Sahafat (August 23) states that the Iran government has made public the report over the death of former president Ebrahim Raisi in a helicopter accident. The report cites inclement weather and inclusion of extra passengers as the reasons for the accident. After the report came, the argument in political circles that the hands of some intelligence agencies were behind the death of Raisi has been refuted. It is to be noted that in a helicopter accident that took place in the mountainous region of Iran in May this year, seven top officials of Iran including President Ebrahim Raisi and foreign affairs minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian were killed. The investigation was conducted by Iran's security agencies and technical experts. The report rejected the claim that some foreign agency has jammed the electronics equipment in the helicopter through hacking. The Iranian military has also confirmed this report.

It is to be noted that the Iran President was killed in Azerbaijan region on May 19 while he was returning to Iran after inaugurating a dam. Raisi was considered as a radical. The charge against



him was that when he was the chief justice of Iran, he had hanged to death hundreds of Iranians. He was considered as a confidant of Iran's supreme religious leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Following his death, elections to the post of the president took place twice in the country. In the first elections, no candidate managed to get 50 percent of the votes, hence as per Iranian Constitution, elections had to be held across the country once again to the post of the president. In this election, Masoud Pezeshkian registered victory and he became the new president of Iran.

Saudi Arabia's security wing official arrested while taking bribe

Roznama Sahara (August 17) states that the anti-corruption authority of Saudi Arabia has arrested a retired colonel Saad Ibrahim Al Yousef of Saudi security department while taking a bribe of three crore Riyals. As per the information available, an investigation has been going on against a Saudi businessman in the anti-corruption authority. Ibrahim Al-Yousef had assured this businessman that if he is

given a bribe of 10 crore Riyals, then he will get the businessman released from the case. The three crore Riyals seized from this official was part of the deal.

It is being said that this deal took place with the cooperation of a woman of Yemen origin, Amna Mohammad Ali Abdullah. This woman had claimed that she was posted in a top government position and she belongs a royal family of a

Gulf country. In this connection, she had also prepared a fake royal decree as well in order to give assurance to the businessman who is paying the bribe. It is said that Amna has collected eight crore Saudi Riyals as bribe from some other people as well. For this she had taken help from two other persons Salim Atafa and Adel Nazm Aldin. Using this money, she had purchased lot of properties in Saudi Arabia and also sent a huge amount secretly abroad. All the people belonging to the

corruption racket have been arrested. Their number is said to be nearly a dozen. The head of the anti-corruption authority said that it is the biggest corruption case so far. As per Saudi Arabian law, if any official is found to be involved in corruption, he will be expelled from the job and he will be given stringent punishment. The head of the authority claimed that on the orders of Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman, the campaign to wipe out corruption will continue in the country. ■

Ceasefire talks fail in Gaza

Roznama Sahara (August 27) states that the talks being held in Egyptian capital Cairo for a ceasefire in Gaza and release of Israeli hostages have failed. According to British news agency 'Reuters,' both Hamas and Israel rejected the conditions of mediators. A 13-member Israeli delegation had arrived in Cairo for the talks. Now this delegation has returned from there. The Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and the Hamas leaders have also returned from Cairo. Hamas and Israel were not in direct talks with each other. During these talks, the US, Qatar and Egypt were playing the role of mediators. According to German news agency 'TPA' one of the biggest reasons for the dispute was that the Israeli Army is deployed in Gaza strip and the common border with Egypt. Israel is apprehensive that the Hamas has been using the border for smuggling of weapons. Whereas Hamas wants the Israeli Army to be totally removed from this border.

Aurangabad Times (September 27) states that Hezbollah has claimed that they had targeted the headquarters of Israel's intelligence agency. Hezbollah leader Syed Hassan Nasrallah has claimed that they launched this attack in order to take revenge for the murder of their military



commander Faud Shukr in Beirut. He said they have deliberately avoided targeting the civilian population. He claimed that they have fully succeeded in their plans. On the other hand, Israeli Army has claimed that this attack by Hezbollah had totally failed.

Urdu Times (August 22) reports that Iran has said that we will take such retaliatory action against Israel that it would be unbelievable and the entire world will be stunned.

Urdu Times (August 28) states that Iran's foreign minister Abbas Araghchi has announced that they would take revenge on the murder of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh under any circumstance. He claimed that they were not scared of war and we are preparing for attack on Israel. ■

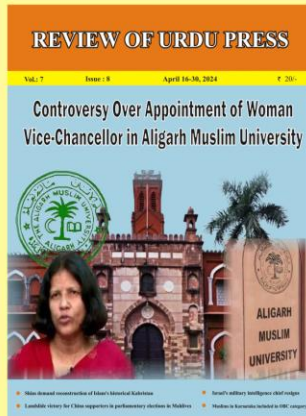
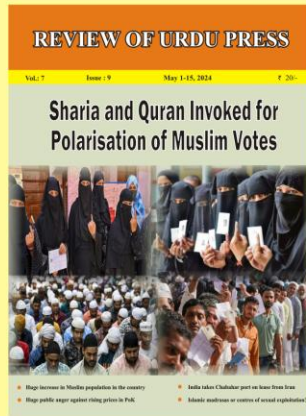
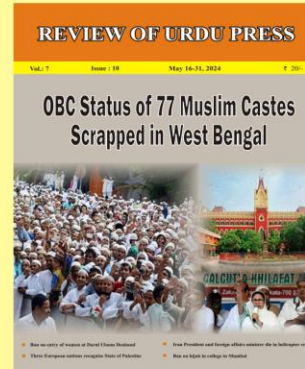
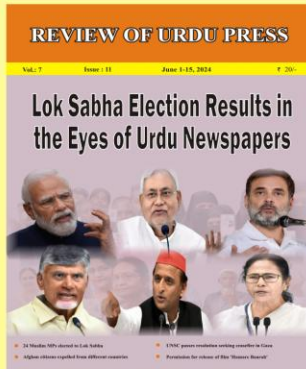
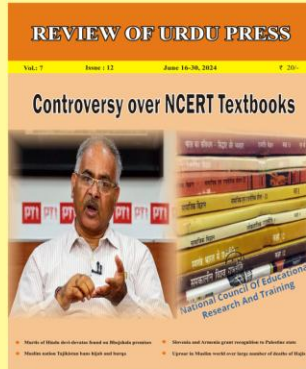
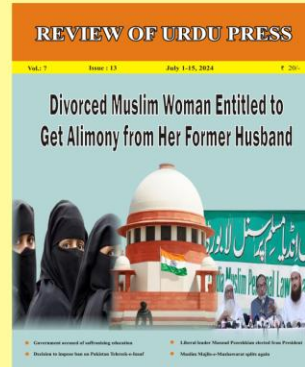
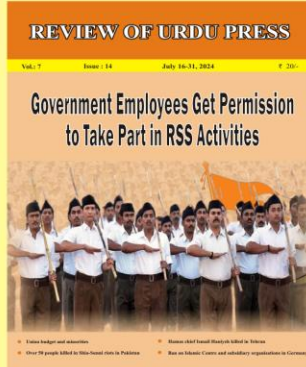
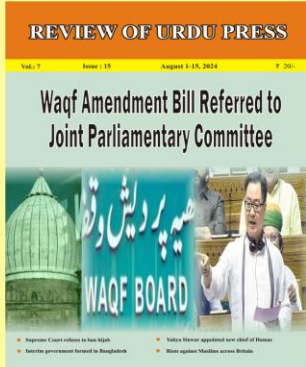
United Arab Emirates grants recognition to Taliban

Roznama Sahara (August 24) reports that the United Arab Emirates has become the world's second nation to grant recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan. Earlier, China had granted recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan. According to the British news agency 'Reuters,' China has not made any official announcement granting recognition to the Taliban government in Afghanistan. According to the news agency, after Taliban came to power in 2021, till now no country has given it due recognition. However, Taliban has sent its employees to neighbouring countries like Pakistan to run its business. The foreign ministry of Afghanistan has announced that Maulavi Badruddin Haqqani has been appointed as Afghanistan's Ambassador in United Arab Emirates and he had handed over his credentials to the foreign ministry of United Arab Emirates.

It is to be noted that Haqqani has already been working as representative of Afghan government in United Arab Emirates. The United Arab Emirates government has confirmed granting



recognition to the Ambassador of Afghanistan. The government's claim is that earlier Afghanistan's interior minister Sirajuddin Haqqani had held talks with the president of United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan. It is said that the Western countries have had declared Sirajuddin Haqqani as a terrorist. Due to his involvement in several attacks, he is a wanted criminal of the United States. In 2022, the United Arab Emirates established financial relationship with Kabul and the trade between the two countries is also going up. The Afghan government claimed that the efforts being made by the Western countries to keep them apart have failed and the government of United Arab Emirates has granted them recognition. ■



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