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#### **Summary**

A few days ago, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had given a slogan, 'batenge toh katenge.' Now the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has also supported this statement of Yogi Adityanath. Muslim organisations and the Urdu press have reacted sharply to it. The Urdu newspapers claim that Sangh wants to abolish the current secular Constitution of the country and establish a Hindu Rashtra. That is why they are trying to unite the Hindus. The Urdu newspapers have urged Muslims that they unite to protect the Constitution and the democracy of the country.

The reality is that a large number of people in this country are trying to destroy the present Constitution and democratic system and establish an Islamic Caliphate in the country. Recently, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has revealed that extremist Islamic organisation Popular Front of India had been getting huge financial aid from foreign sources. Over 13,000 activists of Popular Front are present in Gulf countries who collect huge amounts of money from there and send them to India to promote Islam. In 2022, the Indian government imposed a ban on Popular Front. Currently, hundreds of its activists are behind bars. Despite this, the anti-national activities of this organisation are continuing.

Muslim organisations and Opposition parties have jumped into the field against the Waqf Amendment Bill. Muslim organisations are holding meetings in several places in the country against the Waqf Amendment Bill. The aim of such meetings is to prepare Muslims to protest against this bill. As per government's estimate, the current value of Muslim Waqf properties is more that Rs 25 lakh crore, but majority of the properties are occupied by Muslim political leaders and the organisations associated with them. This is the reason why the Waqf mafia is inciting the Muslims against the Waqf Amendment Bill presented in the House by the government. The government claims that the Waqf Amendment Bill has been brought to free the Waqf properties from the clutches of mafia gangs so that the income from these properties could be used for the educational and financial empowerment of poor Muslims.

After Sheikh Hasina stepped down from the post of Prime Minister, those who came to power in Bangladesh have deep links with Pakistan. These days a campaign to persecute Hindus is being carried out in Bangladesh. The shops, buildings and temples of Hindus are set on fire after looting them. Attempts are being made to drive away Hindus from Bangladesh. Troubled over this, the Bangladesh Hindus are now forced to come out on the streets. In this connection, a huge public meeting was organised in Chittagong by a Hindu organisation, Sanatan Jagaran Manch. In this meeting, it was demanded that a separate ministry should be formed for the development of minorities in Bangladesh and a special law should be created for their protection. This apart, a special tribunal shall be constituted to take immediate action against the accused who spark communal riots.

The armed assailants of banned Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in Turkiye carried out a suicide attack on an aircraft manufacturing factory in Turkiye and killed several people. In retaliation, the air force of Turkiye bombed the bases of Kurd militia in Turkiye, Syria and Iraq. It is to be noted that Kurds are a separate tribe. People belonging to this tribe live in Turkiye, Syrian borders and in Iraq. The Kurds demand the establishment of an autonomous country for them. Whereas, Turkiye and other Islamic nations are against this demand by the Kurds.



**National** 

### Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh at the target of Urdu media



Roznama Sahara (October 27) reports that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has extended open support to the 'batenge toh katenge' statement of Uttar Pradesh Chief Adityanath. Minister Yogi Sangh Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale said at a press conference on the concluding day of the annual meeting of RSS in Mathura that this is the basic mantra of Sangh life. We have to implement 'batenge toh katenge' in our life. This is necessary for the unity of Hindus and for the welfare of people. It is to be noted that Yogi Adityanath, while addressing a public meeting during the Assembly elections in Haryana, warned Hindus that if they remain divided, they will perish. He said the Opposition want the Muslims to unite and become strong and Hindus to become weak by getting divided into castes. The Opposition had criticised this statement of Yogi. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat have taken forward this message of Yogi in different ways.

In this context, when Sarkaryavah of Sangh Dattatreya Hosabale was asked, he said that its meaning is that unity is very much necessary. We have to implement it in our life. People understand the importance of it and are also implementing the same. Hindu unity is very much necessary for Hindus and for public

welfare. It is said that this time the Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal of the RSS was held at Parkham village in Mathura. Office-bearers from all the states in the country took part in this meeting. In the meeting, it was alleged that some people are trying to divide the Hindus. Hosabale said that the number of RSS shakhas has increased. Currently, 72,354 shakhas of Sangh are being held across the country. He also claimed that the Indian government had taken several steps to resolve the problems of Hindus in Bangladesh. Whenever any crisis arises for Hindus living anywhere in the world, they look forward to Bharat for help. Talking about Love Jihad, the Sarkaryavah said that due to it many problems are arising in the society. It is very important for the girls to understand the ill-effects of Love Jihad. He claimed that 200 girls had been rescued from Love Jihad in Kerala. Hosabale said that in the present circumstances, it is very much important to maintain unity among Hindus. Conversion is taking place in many places. Attacks have taken place on Hindus during Ganesh puja and Durga puja. Similarly, BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said at a television programme that 'batenge toh katenge' is not a slogan but a centuries-old truth. This issue is not limited just to the failure-victory during elections.



Wherever Hindus became weak, those places got separated from the nation.

Qaumi Tanzeem (October 29) said in its editorial that Sangh Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale remarked at a press conference that Hindus were attacked during Ganesh puja and Durga puja. In order to deal with such attacks, we must protect ourselves and maintain unity so that peace could prevail. The newspaper said that Hosabale did not even mention the truth that the mischievous elements who infiltrated the processions of majority community had attacked the places of worship of Muslim community and tried to raise saffron flags on them in order to provoke Muslims. It would have been better had Hosabale delivered a message about the unity of the entire nation instead of the unity of Hindus. He also stressed on creating awareness among girls on the issue of Love Jihad.

Meanwhile, Samajwadi Party general secretary Shivpal Singh Yadav, while taking pot-shots at the statement of Yogi Adityanath, said the backward, Dalits and minorities 'will not get divided, nor will perish, but those who raise such slogans will be beaten up later.' This statement by him is based on truth because the Lok Sabha election results had given a shock to the BJP and their masters RSS.

The backward, Dalits and minorities have clearly understood the real face of BJP and the crisis it is causing to the country and the Constitution. Recently, during the Hindu Swabhiman Yatra being taken out under the leadership of Union Minister Giriraj Singh, this truth has been openly felt. This yatra was taken out

specially through such places where there is a huge population of Muslims. During this yatra, Giriraj Singh spewed lot of venom against Muslims but he understood that he is not getting the full support of Hindus.

Inquilab (October 31), while commenting about the statement of Sangh Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale, said that Sangh has also put its stamp of approval on the

'batenge toh katenge' statement of Yogi Adityanath. Now this slogan has become the favourite slogan of BJP. On the occasion of Diwali, the hoardings of this slogan were erected in several cities in Uttar Pradesh. The people are sending Diwali wishes to their dear ones along with this slogan. There is no need for us to say that which ideology is behind this slogan and what purpose the Sangh Parivar is aiming to achieve through this slogan. Everyone knows that those who are in power today are treading on the path to divide the nation in order to remain in power. The aim of the Sangh Parivar right from the beginning is to unite Hindus against Muslims. The question here is Yogi Adityanath is occupying a constitutional post. It doesn't suit him to advise any particular community to get united. The sad thing is that those who sit on Constitutional posts are openly talking in communal language and there is nobody to stop them. Those who are supposed to talk about the unity of the countrymen and their welfare, are openly trying to become the champion of Hindus.

The newspaper alleged that there has been a huge increase in the incidents of mob lynching of Muslims due to the atmosphere created in the country by the ruling party and the Sangh Parivar against Muslims. Their places of worship and madrasas are being attacked. Attempts are being made to destroy madrasas and masjids. The sole purpose of these efforts is to end the separate religious identity of Muslims in one way or the other. Manipur has been burning for the past one year, but

neither the BJP nor the RSS about it. cares Sangh Parivar's only concern is that the Hindu society shouldn't get divided in the name of castes. However, there has been a dominance of upper castes in the Hindu society right from the beginning. They have been given all facilities and rights. Whereas Dalits have been deprived of even basic rights. The sad thing is that the Sangh Parivar, instead



of removing such evils that has spread in the society, is targeting the Muslims. What is needed is that the people of Sangh Parivar should first eliminate the untouchability spread in their own society so that dividing and cutting in the name of castes do not take place.

Hindustan (October 13) in its editorial said the Sarsanghchalak Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Mohan Bhagwat, while addressing the nation on the occasion of Vijayadashami, has given the message to Hindus staying in different countries of the world that they need to remain united. He said that after the fall of Sheikh Hasina government in Bangladesh, the Hindus who are being harassed there had to come out unitedly on the streets for their survival. It happened for the first time that Hindus got united to protect themselves. He said that being weak is a crime. Wherever we live, we need to be strong. This argument of Bhagwat is not new. And he has not made such a statement for the first time. In fact, he is raising misleading slogans like Hindus are in danger, Sanatan dharma is in danger so that the focus of the majority Hindus in the country remains on their security and they don't pay attention to any other issue. The RSS and the ruling party at the Centre, the BJP, have come to power on the basis of such misleading false propaganda. The Sangh and BJP describe themselves as the saviour of Hindus and have been continuously trying to ensure that Hindus remain afraid of Muslims so that they consider Sangh and BJP as their protectors and continue to support them blindly. They do not raise any questions about the failures of the ruling BJP.

The newspaper alleged that the latest advice of Mohan Bhagwat is not based on good intentions. The message to remain strong and united is being given to Hindus so that they can retain their hold on power for a long time, but the foolish Hindus are not ready to free themselves from their spell. The unfortunate thing is that Hindus, despite being in majority, think that the misleading propaganda of Sangh is true and consider themselves insecure and Muslims as their enemies. In his speech, the Sangh chief also mentioned about the elections in Jammu and Kashmir and claimed that due to the peaceful polls held there, the image of the country has gone up. Both these things by Bhagwat are baseless. The nation is facing serious issues now. The BJP governments at the Centre and in states have been proved a failure and useless in all fronts. Unemployment is continuously increasing in the country.

The newspaper said that Prime Minister Modi had once promised that two crore youths would be given jobs every year, but despite passing of 10 years, did he fulfil this promise? The country has realised that it was just an election gimmick, which has nothing to do with reality. There has been a huge increase in communalism and religious animosity

BJP rule under and the minorities, especially Muslims, are being targeted on various pretexts. The treatment meted out to Muslims under the Modi government is being condemned all over the world. Despite these bitter truths, Mohan Bhagwat still says that BJP demonstrating good governance. The Sangh Parivar and BJP, which have declared themselves

as patriots, have divided the country on communal basis. The BJP is politically exploiting the Hindus by spreading the fire of hatred against Muslims. Be it BJP or Sangh Parivar, they pursue their interests more than the interests of the country and they are willing to go to any extend to protect their interests.

The Congress and Samajwadi Party have understood the reality of Bhagwat's statement and hence they are asking him sharp questions. If Bhagwat could see the harassment of Hindus in Bangladesh, did he ever express concern about the condition of Muslims in his own country? We also say that if Mohan Bhagwat tells the present government that the atrocities being committed on Muslims should be stopped, then the BJP government would not be able to reject such a direction. The real problem is that the contractors of nationalism, Bhagwat and his organisation, are dividing the country. We feel that instead of worrying about the Hindus of Bangladesh, Mohan Bhagwat and Modi should look inside themselves. You should also take a look at the stains on your reputation. Only if you have treated the minorities in your country well that you get the right to raise your finger on the treatment being meted out to minorities in other countries.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (October 16) claimed that RSS has been working for the dominance of Hindus right from the day it was founded. It is against giving the same rights to the followers of other religions as Hindus. Hindus are being made to dream about Hindu Rashtra and they are being assured that there won't be much delay



now in establishing the Hindu Rashtra. Bharat has now become the Vishwaguru. It has always bothered Hindus that despite Hinduism being the most ancient religion, there is no such country in the world which could be called a Hindu Rashtra. Every Hindu wants the secular structure of this country to be converted into a Hindu Rashtra. This is the reason why when RSS and its allied organisations talk about implementing the Uniform Civil Code, the section of Hindus who are victims of discrimination for centuries for just being a Hindu, are also seen nodding in agreement. After the BJP came to power, the Hindu communalism got a new life. The surprising thing is that the judiciary is also under the influence of Hindutva. Looking at the decisions of the courts, it seems that the spirit of Hindutva has now entered the judiciary as well.

Hindustan (October 29) in its editorial said that on the occasion of the release of a book, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had compared Jamaat-e-Islami to RSS. This comparison by him is totally wrong. If Jamaat-e-Islami follows Islamic principles, it doesn't mean it should be declared as the Islamic version of RSS. Jamaat-e-Islami has the right to preach and propagate Islam. It is not treason. As far as Muslim League is concerned, it has been working for the social reform of Muslims right from the beginning. Chief Minister Vijayan has also accused Jamaat-e-Islami of making efforts to establish an Islamic Caliphate in the country. The newspaper claims that it is absolutely wrong to label Jamaat as anti-democratic because of it.



The chief minister should have remembered that Father of nation Mahatma Gandhi had supported the Khilafat agitation in the country. Hence Jamaat-e-Islami and Muslim League cannot be compared to RSS.

The newspaper said that there is a fundamental difference between the ideology of Jamaat-e-Islami and that of RSS. The RSS, drunk with nationalism, is using all means to make this country a Hindu Rashtra. The surprising thing is that the several spies who were taken into custody for providing secret information to Pakistan were found to be linked to RSS or its allied organisations. On the other hand, not even one example can be cited where

Jamaat-e-Islami has taken part in antinational activity, hence the chief minister of Kerala should not mislead the country.

Siasat (October 21) states that the Sangh has started making massive efforts to amass votes for BJP in the Maharashtra Assembly elections. The Sangh has started making contacts with people through its allied organisations. It has decided to create small groups, which will establish contact with the people in their respective area. These people, without directly supporting the BJP, are creating awareness among people about national interests, Hindutva, good administration and national development so that they give their votes to BJP on these pretexts.

### Assets worth crores of rupees of Popular Front seized



Hindustan (October 19) states that the Enforcement Directorate has seized properties worth crores of rupees of different trusts, companies and individuals belonging to banned Islamic extremist organisation Popular Front of India. As per a press release issued by ED, 35 immovable properties worth Rs 56.56 crore of Popular Front were seized. The ED alleged that a detailed investigation has revealed that the Popular Front is getting

crores of rupees from abroad through hawala for the purpose of overthrowing the democratically elected government and establish Islamic rule in the country. This illegal money had been deposited in 29 branches of banks located in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Telangana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Manipur and Jammu-Kashmir. The money deposited in these banks were estimated to be Rs 94 crore. In

this connection, investigations are still on. Till now, the ED has arrested 26 members of Popular Front. Nine cases were registered between February 2021 and May 2024. As per the investigation of the ED, more than 13,000 activists of Popular Front of India are active in Singapore, Kuwait, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. They are collecting funds for the Popular Front there.

As per media reports, the Popular Front claims that it is a social organisation whose aim is social reform. However, its real aim is to run a violent Islamic campaign so that the democratically elected government is overthrown and an Islamic Khilafat could be established in the country. The Popular Front of India had formed district executive committees for Pravasi Muslim community staying in Gulf countries. Funds are collected through these committees for Islamisation of Bharat. These funds are send to Bharat through various banking channels and through hawala transactions so that these funds are not traced. These funds are extended to the office-bearers of Popular Front active in India and terrorists in order to carry out terror attacks. In September 2022, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and ED had raided the bases of Popular Front across the country and arrested hundreds of people belonging to this organisation. Action had been taken against them under UAPA. The home ministry imposed a ban on this organisation on September 28, 2022. Since then, various government agencies are trying to find out the people associated with Popular Front.

Popular Front claims that it uses peaceful and non-violent methods to meet their goal but the investigations by government agencies have found out that the activists of Popular Front were being given training in manufacturing explosives, knife attack and in martial arts in secret camps being held under the pretext of physical education. A total of 278 people belonging to this organisation are lodged in



different jails. Cases are pending against these people in different courts. The home ministry, after imposing a ban on Popular Front, had issued a press statement. In this press release, the activities of Popular Front have been described as a threat to the unity, integrity and security of the country. In the press release, it has also been claimed that this organisation has been spreading hatred among different communities in the society and has been creating a sentiment among a section of the community that they are not safe in this country. They have to adopt violent means for their safety.

It is worth mentioning that a bomb explosion took place in the Sangh office in Chennai in 1993. Eleven people were killed in this explosion and seven others were injured. It was found out during the CBI investigation that the hands of an extremist organisation, Islamic Sevak Sangh, were behind this blast. In 1994, on the occasion of Tamil New Year, another explosion took place in the office of Hindu Munnani. One person died in this explosion. It was found that the hands of a terrorist organisation, Al-Ummah, and Islamic Sevak Sangh were behind this explosion. The chief of this organisation was Maulana Abdul Nasir Madani. During this time, this organisation had carried out blasts in more than a dozen places in Tamil Nadu in which several people were killed. It was found that the hands of a terrorist, Mushtaq Ahmad, was behind these blasts. The CBI had announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh on his arrest. This terrorist had been evading police for 24 years. Finally, Mushtag Ahmad was arrested in 2018. In connection with the blasts, a court in Chennai had



awarded life-term in jail for 12 people in 2007.

In 1992, when a ban was imposed on Islamic Sevak Sangh, they adopted the garb of Al-Ummah and Jihad Committee. When the government tightened the grip on these extremist organisations, the help of another terrorist organisation, Student Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), was taken. The then chief of SIMI Shahid Badr Falahi, in an interview to *Hindustan Times*, had said that "Islamisation of Bharat is our aim. We want to convert Bharat from Darul Harab to Darul Islam." Zonal secretary of SIMI in Bihar Riyazul Mushahil said that "our Constitution is Quran. If the Indian Constitution is not aligned to Quran, then it

is of no importance to us. We will follow the Quran under any circumstance." Following this, the government imposed a ban on SIMI as well.

According to government sources, in order to escape the clutches of the government, Islamic Sevak Sangh and SIMI had formed three other organisations, which included National Democratic Front, National Development Front and Defence Front. Later when the

government agencies started keeping an eye on these three organisations, a new organisation, Popular Front of India, was formed in 2006. Its declared aim is the social and financial uplift of Muslims. This apart, another aim of this organisation is to undertake a massive campaign to attract non-Muslims towards Islam. Initially, the headquarters of Popular Front was in Kozhikode in Kerala and its branches were limited to the four states in south India. Later, in order to widen the activities of Popular Front in north India, headquarters was shifted to Okhla locality in Delhi. Now the branches of this organisation is spread in 23 states of the country.

### Preparations on to implement Uniform Civil Code in Uttarakhand

Roznama Sahara (October 19) reports that preparations are on to implement Uniform Civil Code in Uttarakhand. The committee of experts constituted by the state cabinet to deliberate on the implementation of Uniform Civil Code had handed over its report to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The chief minister told reporters that we have decided to implement the Uniform Civil Code in the state so that everyone gets equal justice and equal opportunity for development. He has expressed the possibility of implementing the Uniform Civil Code in the entire state on the occasion of the Uttarakhand Foundation Day. It is to be noted that the

BJP had announced during the Assembly elections in Uttarakhand that if the party comes to power again, then the Uniform Civil Code would be implemented. In 2022, after the BJP came to power again, a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of retired judge of Supreme Court Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai. This committee received 20 lakh suggestions. In connection, the committee had personally met 2.5 lakh people. Following this, the draft of Uniform Civil Code Bill was presented in the state Assembly on February 6, 2024. After the Assembly passed the Bill, it was sent to the President through Raj Bhawan. On March 11, 2024,



the President had given the approval for the Bill.

After the implementation of Uniform Civil Code, there would be only one law for all the religions in the state on marriage, divorce, alimony and succession. After March 26, 2010, the registration for marriage and divorce has been made mandatory for all couples. If the marriage is not registered, then the guilty will have to pay a fine of Rs 25,000 and he would be deprived of all government benefits. The minimum age for marriage for boy has been fixed at 21 years and that of girl at 18 years. For divorce, there will be same law and conditions for men and women. Practices like halala and iddat will cease to exist. If one of the couple converts his or her religion without the consent of the partner, the other person will have the right to seek divorce or alimony from him or her. If there is a divorce between husband-wife, children upto the age of 5 years will remain with his or her mother. If the husband-wife are alive, they will not have the permission for a second marriage. The sons and daughters will have equal rights in ancestral property. The ancestral property be equally distributed among legitimate and illegitimate children. It would be mandatory for everyone in a livein relationship to register on web portal. The couple will be able to rent a house, hostel or PG using the registration receipt itself. Children born out of live-in relationship will be considered as legitimate children. If the couple in a live-in relationship separates from each other, then they have to do registration for the same as well. If anyone does not do the registration, he will get a jail term of six months and will have to pay a fine of Rs 25,000 as well.

Etemaad (October 22) editorial said that at one level the Uttarakhand government is implementing Uniform Civil Code in the state. On the other hand, it is making difficult for Muslims to live in the state. In a town in Chamoli district in Uttarakhand, the organisation of traders have announced financial boycott of Muslims and directed them that they vacate the village by December 31. The owners of all the shops there have been directed that if any individual gives employment to a Muslim or give his building to them on rent, then a fine of Rs 10,000 will be imposed on them. The reality is that it is becoming difficult for Muslims to live in the state. A campaign has also been unleashed against the places of worship of Muslims in the state and they are being forcibly taken over. Chief of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi has alleged that the Sangh Parivar is running a campaign to make Muslims untouchables in the country. The Supreme Court should immediately take cognizance of such incidents.



### Opposition threatens to boycott JPC constituted for Waqf Bill



Inquilab (November 5) states that the Opposition members have threatened to boycott the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) constituted to examine the Waqf Amendment Bill. In a letter jointly written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, the Opposition members alleged that JPC chairman Jagadambika Pal has been taking unilateral decisions. He is trying to overlook the agitation being held against this bill in one way or the other and get the bill passed in the Parliament. It has also been said in the letter that Jagadambika Pal is deliberately violating the rules. In the letter, the Lok Sabha Speaker has been urged to direct Jagadambika Pal that before he takes decisions on any issue he should duly consult the members of the committee so that the people of the country are assured that the recommendations of the committee are made without any pressure and in a fair manner. Chairman of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi, TMC member Kalyan Banerjee, Congress member Mohammad Jawed and other opposition members have signed on this letter.

As per another news, chief of Zakat Foundation, Zafar Mahmoud and spokesperson of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas have alleged that the stand of the chairman of the committee is unilateral. He is deliberately

inviting such people to give their opinion before the committee who have nothing to do with Waqf property. The Opposition members have opposed the invitation being extended to RSS, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Hindu Jagriti Manch and retired judges to give their opinion on the Waqf Amendment Bill. The Opposition members allege that Jagadambika Pal is doing so in order to establish that majority of the people are in favour of the bill.

As per another news, while taking part in a Waqf protection meeting organised in Vijayawada, Telugu Desam Party leader Kesineni Shivanath has clarified that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will not support Waqf Amendment Bill under any circumstance. Similarly, MP of YSR Congress, V Vijayasai Reddy also said that his party opposes this bill. The Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Syed Sadatullah Husaini urged Muslims that they come out on the stop the current Waqf streets to Amendment Bill and strongly oppose it. He alleged that this bill is a government conspiracy to usurp the Muslim Waqf.

**Inquilab** (November 4) states that while addressing a Constitution protection convention in Delhi, chief of Jamiat Ulema Maulana Arshad Madani said that some people are trying to wipe out Islam and Muslims. They will not succeed in this evil



intention and they will disappear without a trace. He said the Uniform Civil Code and Waqf Amendment Bill are interferences in the religious affairs of Muslims and this will not be accepted under any circumstance. We will oppose them on every platform and will not allow this bill to be passed under any circumstance.

Aurangabad Times (October 29) states that the chief of All India Muslim Personal Law Board Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani said we will sacrifice our lives for the protection of Waqf.

**Siasat** (October 29) states that the administrator of Delhi Waqf Board

Ashwini Kumar has supported the Waaf Amendment Bill. Whereas the MP of Aam Aadmi Party Sanjay Singh said the administrator of Delhi Waqf Board did not take any kind of advice from the Aam Aadmi Party government in Delhi before expressing his opinion. He said that no non-Muslim has any right to give his opinion about

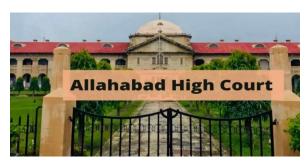
the Waqf Amendment Bill. Delhi Chief Minister Atishi Marlena has written a letter the Chairman of the committee Jagadambika Pal. In this letter, she said that the administrator of Delhi Waqf Board did not take any opinion from the Delhi government before submitting his report before the committee. While opposing the biased attitude of **JPC** chairman Jagadambika Pal, Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjay Singh, DMK's Mohammad Abdullah, Congress's Nasir Hussain and Mohammad Javed had walked out of the JPC meeting.

# **Supreme Court directs continuation** of government aid to madrasas



Avadhnama (October 22) states that the Supreme Court has issued a stay order on the direction of the National Child Rights Protection Commission (NCPCR). The NCPCR had directed the chief secretaries of state governments and Union Territories that they stop the governmental aid being given to Islamic madrasas. This apart, the

court also stayed the direction of NCPCR in which it had been said that arrangements shall be made to enrol the students of unrecognised madrasas in government schools. In this connection, while hearing a petition of Jamiat Ulema, a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, Justice J B Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Mishra sent a



notice to the Union government and all state governments seeking their reply.

Lawyers appearing on behalf of Jamiat Ulema in the court urged that the direction given by the Uttar Pradesh government to enrol students unrecognised madrasas in government schools is against the rights given to the minorities in the Constitution of the country. The court also directed no action shall be taken on the direction given by NCPCR on June 7 and 25 this year to the state governments. On behalf of the petitioners, senior advocate Indira Jaisingh appealed to the court to issue a stay on the directions given by NCPCR, Uttar Pradesh government and other states like Tripura.

It is to be noted that the NCPCR had advised the chief secretaries of state governments and Union Territories that the government aid being given to madrasas shall be stopped because in madrasas children are neither given basic education nor are they benefitting from the mid-day meal facilities. The commission had said that the entire focus of the education being given in madrasas to the children is on religious education. The children are not getting education on other subjects. Due to this, they lag behind compared to other children.

Roznama Sahara (October 22) states that in March this year, the Allahabad High Court had declared the Uttar Pradesh Madarsa Education Board Act, 2004 as unconstitutional. The court observed that the madrasas do not follow the values of secularism as enshrined in Article 14 of the Constitution. On April 5, 2024, Chief Justice of India Justice D Y Chandrachud had stayed this decision of the high court. The Supreme Court, while delivering its final verdict, has described

Uttar Pradesh Madarsa Education Board Act, 2004 as constitutional. Recently, the chairman of NCPCR Priyank Kanoongo has clarified that he did not give any direction to shut down madrasas. He had only recommended that the financial aid been given to madrasas by the government shall be

stopped because these madrasas are depriving poor Muslim children from getting modern education.

Roznama Sahara (October 23) states that the Supreme Court, during the final hearing on petitions challenging the Allahabad High Court verdict declaring the Uttar Pradesh Madarsa Education Board Act, 2004 as unconstitutional said that as per the Constitution, nobody can be stopped from giving religious education. In the Constitution, the minorities have been given the right to receive religious education. The Supreme Court said that when religious education is being provided in all religions, then why madarsa law alone is being targeted? The court also made it clear that the choice of students to receive religious education should depend on the wishes of their parents and nobody can be forced on this.

Urdu Times (October 28) said that Muslims are not afraid of the survey of madarsas because they are being run as per the rules of the Constitution. They are only afraid of the goals of the present communal regime who want to interfere in the religion and Shariah of Muslims on one pretext or other.

**Hindustan** (October 27) in its editorial said that if there are no Islamic madrasas, then a threat will arise for Islam in Bharat.

**Qaumi Tanzeem** (October 23) in its editorial said that the latest decision of the Supreme Court is a slap on the face of those people who are conspiring to finish off Islam and minority institutions in the country.

**Sahafat** (October 25) in its editorial has expressed satisfaction that the Supreme Court has upheld the dignity of Indian Constitution.



World

#### 250 Afghan citizens killed in Iran army firing



Roznama Sahara (October 19) reports that Afghanistan's radio station named 'Ariana News' has claimed that when Afghan citizens tried to enter Iran through the Kalgan-Sarwan border in Iran, the Iranian army opened indiscriminate firing in which at least 250 Afghan citizens were killed and many were injured. Iran humanitarian organisation 'Halvash' claimed that two Afghan citizens who survived massacre had said when nearly 300 Afghan citizens tried to enter Iran's border from Afghanistan, the Iran's army opened indiscriminate fire on them. They said the bodies were strewn around all four sides. therefore it is difficult to tell from their claim how many people were killed in this Afghan massacre. government's spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid confirmed that the Iranian army had massacred Afghan citizens. He said that they were conducting a detailed investigation in this connection. Only after that it would be clear how many people became the victims of Iran army's barbarity.

On the other hand, Iran's Ambassador based in Kabul Hassan Kazmi Qomi said that the news was baseless. He also said that if anyone infiltrates Iranian border, then the Iran army has every right to take action. He said the Iran government

had announced earlier itself that the 40 lakh citizens of Afghan origin who are illegally staying in Iran will be evicted from the country under any circumstance. He alleged that some Western nations have been deliberately spreading fake news in world media about the massacre of Afghan citizens by Iran army in order to flare up tension between the two nations. The United Nations has also expressed concern over the incident and demanded the Iran government to conduct a fair investigation into it so that the truth is unravelled before the world. It is to be noted that the Iran army had killed nearly 200 Afghan citizens in a similar manner six months ago as well. Due to this a lot of bitterness has arisen in the relationship between the two countries.

Aurangabad Times (October 21) states that the Afghan citizens staged a huge protest outside the Iran Embassy located in London. The protesters were demanding an investigation into the incident of massacre of Afghan citizens by Iran army. They alleged that similar incidents had taken place in the past as well, but the Taliban government in Afghanistan had suppressed the incident. The protesters submitted a memorandum to the Iran Ambassador and alleged that the Iran government has been running a



campaign to expel Iran-born citizens of Afghan origin from the country. Till now, 10 lakh Afghan citizens have been expelled from Iran on gun-point. They demanded the United Nations to intervene immediately to stop the incidents of brutality unleashed on Afghan citizens in Iran.

Mursif (October 18) states that the Iran government has refuted the incident of Iran Army opening fire at Afghan citizens on Kalgan-Sarwan border. The Iran government said that it is the legal right of Iran to stop any kind of infiltration. Commander of Iran army in border region, Brigadier General Raza Sorzai said it is a fact that lakhs of Afghan citizens had taken

refuge in Iran following the attack of Soviet Union on Afghanistan in 1979. Now their new generation is also staying in Iran. Their number is said to be 37 lakhs. He said that these Afghan citizens are taking part in anti-Iran activities and due to this smuggling business is growing rapidly in the country. He alleged that there were several Afghan citizens among the spies of Israel who were caught in Iran recently. He said that it is very much necessary to take stringent action against such elements taking into consideration the national security of the country. This is the reason why the Iran government has decided to expel Afghan-origin citizens who are staying illegally in the country.

#### Ban on television channels in Afghanistan



Roznama Sahara (October 30) states that the Taliban government in Afghanistan has imposed a ban on all television channels in the country. The government has directed that they can broadcast only voices. They will not have the permission to show the face of any person or any pictures on any channels. In Islam, showing anybody's face or picture is haram and it is considered as against Shariah. According to Al Arabia, the Director General of Afghanistan's national radio, Qari Yusuf Ahmadi had summoned the heads of all television channels in the country to his office and told them that Taliban's chief Mulla Hibatullah Akhundzada had directed that as per Shariah, taking pictures of any person or drawing his sketch or displaying it is against the laws of Islam, hence they should immediately stop their broadcast. In future, only radio stations will have the permission to broadcast their programmes. Along with this, the Taliban government has also decided to shut down its national television as well. It is

being said that the private channels have been given stringent instructions that they convert their television channels into radio stations within two months. If anyone violates this order, stringent action will be taken against them.

It is to be noted that earlier the Taliban government had directed that no woman should step out of her home without wearing a burqa. If any woman violates this order, then she and her family members will be immediately sent behind bars. This apart, a stringent ban has been imposed on dance-music during marriages or wedding ceremonies and all beauty salons have been shut down. Men have



been directed not to cut their beard and do not use western dress. If they do so, then they will be given a punishment of three years in jail. Along with it, a fine of one lakh Afghani rupee will also be imposed. Western nations and the United Nations had urged the Taliban government several times that they do not impose Shariah law in the country. If they violate this direction, they will not be given any kind of financial aid. Afghan government spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid said that the Western nations do not have any right to interfere in our affairs. Afghanistan is an Islamic country and we are committed to implementing Shariah law.

### Huge protest by Bangladeshi Hindus against Yunus government



Hindustan (October 27) reports that thousands of Hindus in Bangladesh, often the victims of harassment and genocide, held a massive protest against Yunus Muhammad government Bangladesh at Laldighi grounds located in Chatgaon and demanded security for them. The protesters threatened that if the Bangladesh government fails to provide protection to the minorities, they will march to Dhaka and gherao the city. Their protest will continue until the government gives a guarantee of security to their life and property. On this occasion, they also sent a memorandum to the current prime minister of Bangladesh Mohammad Yunus. It has been demanded in the memorandum that a high level tribunal shall be constituted to investigate the incidents of harassment of minorities, which can conduct an investigation and award stringent punishment to the accused. Those

who have been rendered homeless in the should be given appropriate compensation and arrangements should be made for their rehabilitation. In order to provide protection for the minorities, a special law shall be created immediately. Under this law, those who spread flames of violence against minorities and those who loot their properties should be given death sentence. The protesters also demanded that the Bangladesh government should form a special ministry for the development and security of the minorities, which should be headed by a senior minister. Special arrangements shall be made in all the educational institutions and hostels in the country for the minorities to do pujaarchana. Three autonomous institutions should be created for the welfare of Hindus, Buddhists and Christians. The old law for the return of looted items of minorities should be strictly implemented.

A special board shall be created for teaching Sanskrit and Pali languages and a system should be made for a five-day holiday for all government offices for Durga Puja.

Reacting to the demand letter of minorities, Bangladesh's environment minister Syeda Rizwana Hasan told journalists that the government is seriously thinking about the demand letter of Sanatan Jagaran Manch. For the first time in the history of Bangladesh, a two-day holiday has been declared for all government offices on the occasion of Durga Puja. Earlier, there was only a one-day holiday for Durga Puja. She has admitted that recently a few incidents of attacks on minorities took place. The government has fully taken a firm decision to stop such incidents. It is to be noted that after overthrowing Sheikh Hasina, there has been a huge increase in the attacks on the buildings, shops and temples of Hindus in Bangladesh. Caretaker Prime Minister Mohammad Yunus told journalists that incidents of attack on minorities are being presented in an exaggerated manner due to political reasons.

Avadhnama (October 25) states that hundreds of protesters held a massive protest outside the President's house in Dhaka and demanded the removal of President Mohammad Shahabuddin. During this time, fierce clashes took place between the police and protesters. When the situation went out of control, the Bangladesh Army had to intervene. Two persons were injured in the firing by the army. A military spokesperson said that the protesters tried to enter the President's house. The protesters had also demanded that the Bangladesh Constitution of 1972 should be scrapped. In a protest meeting organised at Shaheed Minar in Dhaka, student leader Hasanat Abdullah said that if the government doesn't scrap the current constitution within a week, we will come out on the streets and the government will be forced to accept our demands.

**Mursif** (October28) states that the tribunal constituted by the Bangladesh



government to investigate the crimes of Sheikh Hasina government had issued an arrest warrant to 20 people. They include the former Army chief of Bangladesh Ziaul Ahsan, 10 former ministers and two advisors of deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. These people have been directed to present themselves before the tribunal. According to the caretaker government of Bangladesh, in the protests that took place against the Sheikh Hasina government, nearly 1,000 people were killed in the firing by the police and the army. In this connection, the tribunal had received more than 60 complaints, which are being investigated.

It is to be noted that the Bangladesh government has formed a three-member investigation tribunal. The chairman of the is **Justice** Golam Mortuza Majumdar. The former ministers who are mainly in the list of accused include Faroog Khan, Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul Haq Inu, Zunaid Ahmad Palak, Abdur Razzak, Shahjahan Khan, Kamal Ahmad Mojumdar and Golam Dastagir Gazi. This apart, the names of the judge of the Supreme Court Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and former secretary Jahangir Alam are also in this list.

**Urdu Times** (October 25) states that the Bangladesh government has imposed a ban on Awami League's student wing Bangladesh Student League after declaring it as a terrorist organisation. As per a press release issued by the home ministry, this organisation has killed several people and misused government resources in the past 15 years. Charges of corruption and treason have been filed against the office-bearers of this organisation. It is to be noted that Bangladesh Student League established in 1948. This organisation is considered as the backbone of Sheikh Hasina's party Awami League.



### Germany exports weapons worth 10 crore dollars to Israel



Hindustan (October 26) has claimed that as per the data of German foreign ministry, Germany has exported weapons worth 10 crore dollars to Israel in the past three months. Germany's human rights organisations have questioned this export of weapons in the court. In reply to a question in the German Parliament, the German government had admitted that it had approved export of weapons worth 101 million dollars to Israel in the past three months. On behalf of European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights, a petition has been filed in a court in Frankfurt against Germany supplying weapons to Israel. In this petition, it has been urged that the court directs the German government that it should not supply weapons to Israel in future because Israel is using these weapons to commit massacre in Gaza and Lebanon.

A spokesperson of German government confirmed that a detailed study is being conducted before taking a decision

on exporting weapons abroad, before and granting permission to supply the weapons, its humanitarian side is also being deliberated Germany's upon. foreign minister said that Germany has been for waiting assurance from Israel government that these weapons are not used violation of international norms and it is used only for

the protection of Israel.

As per another news, many Muslim organisations in Germany held massive against Germany protests supplying weapons to Israel. It is to be noted that the German government has been taking stringent action against extremist Islamic organisations and till now it has imposed a ban on more than a dozen Muslim organisations. A spokesperson of German government, while throwing light on the behind banning reasons these organisations, said these organisations are linked to extremist Islamic organisations in Iran. These organisations want to establish Islamic Caliphate in Germany after finishing off the current democratic system through violent means, which is against the ideology of Germany. The spokesperson said that those Muslims found involved in terrorist activities will be expelled from Germany forthwith. We will not tolerate any communal violence in our country.



#### Decision to strictly enforce halal law in Indonesia



Hindustan (October 17) states that the Indonesian government has announced that permission will not be granted to sell any food item without halal label in the country. The government of the world's biggest Muslim nation Indonesia has directed all hotels, restaurants and shops selling food items that in future they should not sell any food item which has no halal label on it. A spokesperson of Indonesian government said that our country is an Islamic nation where is it is mandatory for every citizen to live as per Shariah. In Shariah, Muslims have been directed to use only those items which are halal-certified. Under this policy, the police are examining all the retail shops and items in the country. If any food material is found in any shop without a halal label, it will be immediately seized. A spokesperson of American Chamber of Commerce said that due to this policy of the Indonesian government, they are finding lot of difficulty in doing business because their stores sell a lot of items without halal label. Now it has to reconsider its policy, because Indonesian government has refused to show any leniency in this connection.

It is to be noted that in Islam, selling of pork, liquor and such items or consuming them is consider as haram. This apart, only such meat can be used where the animal is slaughtered in halal manner. The head of Indonesia's halal certification authority Muhammad Aqil Irham said that some small traders had urged that they shall be given permission to sell non-halal certified items for a certain period, but the Indonesian President has refused to accept this request by them. Irahm said that we had directed all the stores in the country that they sell only such goods where the halal label is pasted. If halal label is not pasted on any food items, then they will not be permitted to sell them.

Oaumi Tanzeem (October 22) states that the former defence minister of Indonesia Prabowo Subiyanto has taken over as the eighth President of the country. According to Arab News, the 73-year-old newly elected President Subianto had been the Army chief of Indonesia. He got approximately 60 percent votes in the Presidential elections held this year. He is the son-in-law of former President Suharto. He took over the office from current president Joko Widodo. Joko Widodo had functioned as the president Widodo's elder son Gibran Rakabuming Raka has been made as the Vice-President of Indonesia. Newly elected president Subianto has announced that he would launch a nationwide campaign against corruption and will also focus on the development of those people who did not vote for him in the elections.



West Asia

### Terrorist attack on aviation company in Turkiye



Hindustan (October 24) reports that a terrorist attack took place at the Turkish headquarters of Aerospace Industries, which manufactures military aircraft in Turkiye's capital Ankara. Twenty people were killed and dozens were injured in this attack. According to the newspaper, 12 terrorists carried out a suicide attack on this building. One terrorist blew up himself. Following this, six terrorists opened indiscriminate firing from AK-47 guns. Five terrorists were killed in retaliatory attack by the army. Turkiye's interior minister Ali Yerlikaya said it was a terrorist attack. The hands of terrorists belonging to Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) were behind the attack. It is a banned organisation, whose headquarters is in Syria. This organisation was founded in The organisation supports independent Kurdistan nation and it wants freedom from the slavery of Turkiye. Kurds are a tribe. The people of this tribe live in different regions of Turkive, Iraq and Syria. The Kurds demand that the places where they are in a majority should be brought together and an independent Kurdistan should be established. People belonging to this organisation have been waging an armed struggle against the

governments of Turkiye, Iraq and Syria for the past several decades. Till now, thousands of people have been killed in this clash. Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has condemned this attack.

Avadhnama (October 26) reports that PKK has taken responsibility for the attack and said that it was carried out by a five-member team of its suicide squad. In this attack, at least 20 people belonging to Turkiye government were killed and 50 others were injured. Following this attack, Turkiye's military and intelligence agencies conducted raids across the country in search of people belonging to banned PKK and took 150 suspects into custody. military Turkive's spokesperson claimed that the fighter planes of Turkiye had targeted the rebel camps ammunition depots located on the borders of Iraq, Syria and Turkiye. Nearly 100 rebels were killed in this attack.

Hindustan Express (October 16) states that a spokesperson of Turkiye's military headquarters claimed that the Turkish air force had attacked two dozen bases in Iraq and Syria. These bases were said to belong to banned rebel organisation PKK. The US, NATO and European Union have also condemned this attack. As per a



BBC report, the Turkish military has killed more than 100 people in this attack, who belong to terrorist organisations. Whereas, according to Kurdish organisation PKK, the Turkish military had attacked villages in which 12 people were killed.

### Turkiye's fundamentalist leader dies



Roznama Sahara (October 22) reports that Turkiye's fundamentalist Islamic preacher, 83-year-old Fethullah Gulen, has passed away in the US. Gulen has been spending a life of exile in the US for the past many years. He was once considered as a close friend of Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Later differences cropped up between the two leaders. Erdogan held him responsible for the rebellion that took place in the Turkish Army in 2016. In an effort to overthrew Erdogan, more than 250 soldiers were killed and more than 2,000 were injured. After the military coup failed, more than 200 senior military officials of the rebel group were awarded death sentence on charges of rebellion.

Fethullah Gulen was born in Erzurum region in Turkiye in 1941. He was the son of an imam. He had studied Quran during childhood itself. He became an imam in a masjid in Turkiye in 1959. Along with it, he started the propagation and preaching of Islam with full vigour. He had established a network of Islamic madrasas in 35 nations in the world for the propagation of Islam. More than 25,000 madrasas were part of this network. In the

beginning, Gulen was a supporter of Recep Tayyip Erdogan's party. In 2013, when Erdogan was accused of corruption, tension arose in the relations between the two leaders. Gulen's empire comprises commercial institutions, many banks and insurance companies spread over 140 countries in the world. Erdogan had declared his organisations as terrorist organisations and imposed a ban on them. Following this, Fethullah Gulen fled to the United States and he had been leading a life of exile in the US.

It is being said that Gulen wanted to run the Turkish administration based on fundamentalist Islamic principles. Whereas the military was against him. Turkey was also under military rule for a long time. In 1922, Mustafa Kemal Pasha alias Kemal Ataturk had ended the rule of Ottoman Caliphate and its last Caliph Abdul Majeed II had to flee to France to save his life. Kemal Ataturk had shut down all the Islamic madrasas in the country. Those who were wearing Arab dress were given death sentence. Ataturk had also ordered that the script of Quran should not be in Arabic and in Turkiye, only those Quran



shall be read which are in Turkish language and whose script is Roman. There were strong reactions in Islamic world against this decision by him. The Khilafat agitation was launched in India as well. In the Nagpur session of Congress, Mahatma Gandhi extended support to this agitation after adopting a resolution. Along with it, the maulavis had also issued the fatwa that Hindustan is a non-Muslim country, hence Muslims should leave the country and take refuge in Islamic countries. Due to this fatwa, 17,000 Hindustani Muslims tried to enter Afghanistan, which the Afghan government foiled. In the clashes that took place on the border, more than 2,000 Hindustani Muslims had been killed.

Turkiye is a member of NATO alliance, hence the military there is considered as liberal. The military wants the education in Turkiye to be based on secular and modern principles. Whereas Fethullah Gulen wanted an education system in the country based on Shariah and

Arabic language to be imparted in madrasas. Due to pressure from the military, a ban was imposed on Gulen's Justice party And Development Party (AKP) and his more than 2,000 activists were arrested. Later, a leader of the same party, Recep Tayyip Erdogan reached an agreement with the military for power. Due to this, huge differences arose between Gulen and Erdogan. It is being said that Gulen had organised a military coup in order to overthrow the

government of Erdogan with foreign help. This coup was foiled. Erdogan has declared Gulen as anti-national and terrorist and had urged the US government at least seven times at the official level that Gulen should be handed over to Turkiye government so that a case could be registered against him at the military court. According to foreign media, after the military coup in Turkiye, 77,000 people were arrested. Those who have been arrested include professors universities, teaching in judges, government employees and military officials. The Turkish government had declared 10,000 Islamic madrasas being run by Gulen as illegal and imposed a ban on them and those who were teaching in them were arrested. More than 100 cases have been registered in different courts in Turkiye against Gulen on charges of treason, forgery and spying. It is also being said that Gulen had links with the governments of several fundamentalist Islamic countries.

### Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar's killing

Qaumi Tanzeem (October 19) states that a spokesperson of Israel's defence ministry had claimed that the Israeli Army had killed Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar. Later Hamas also duly confirmed the killing of Sinwar. Senior Hamas leader Halil Al-Hayya has been appointed as the successor of Yahya Sinwar.

**Avadhnama** (October 20) states that Hamas spokesperson said the death of

Yahya Sinwar has dealt a heavy blow to Hamas but our fight against Israel will continue just like before. We will fight Israel till the last bullet and the last man standing. Hamas is a movement for freedom and nobody can stop it. Until Israel is finished, our fight will go on. For the murder of every Hamas fighter, there is a new vigour to fight against Israel and the possibility of Israel's defeat has increased.



It is to be noted that Israel had assassinated the then chief of Hamas Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran. Haniyeh had gone to Tehran to take part in the oath-taking ceremony of the new president of Iran Masoud Pezeshkian. After his murder, Yahya Sinwar was made his successor.

Siasat (October 21) states that Israel government has claimed that Sinwar was killed at Tel al-Sultan region in Gaza's south city of Rafah. The Israel government has released a video where the body of Sinwar was shown lying mutilated. A part of his skull appears to be blown off. It is to be noted that after Sinwar took over the leadership of Hamas, he was living anonymously in an unknown place. The Israeli intelligence agency has been trying to trace him for the past one year. It is being said that the attack on Israel on October 7, 2023 was planned by Sinwar. After a DNA test of the body, the Israeli military has announced that Yahya Sinwar had been eliminated. The Israeli military has also finished off three senior commanders of Hamas who were hiding in Gaza Strip.

Hindustan (October 19) states that US President Joe Biden said the killing of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar was a good event for Israel, US and the world. It is established from the death of the mastermind of October 7 attacks that no terrorist in the world can escape from

justice. He has to suffer the consequences of his actions. He said that after the killing of Sinwar, the possibility of the war ending in Gaza has increased. Israel's defence minister Yoav Gallant said that our enemy can't escape. No matter wherever in the world they hide, we will track them down and kill them.

Mursiff (October 20) states that the newly appointed chief of Hamas Khalil al-Hayya said in his address said that Sinwar has sacrificed his life for our freedom. He had bravely fought the Israeli Army till his last breath. He did not lay down his arms and instead sacrificed his life in the path of Allah. Al-Hayya said that we will take revenge for the killing of Sinwar. We will not free Israeli hostages until Israel stops its attack on Gaza and withdraw its military from there.

Qaumi Tanzeem (October 20) states that the Israeli Army killed several senior commanders of Hamas before Sinwar. In 1996, Israeli intelligence agency Mossad had killed the head of Hamas's military wing Yahya Ayyash by triggering blast in a phone. On March 22, 2004, the founder of Hamas's military wing Sheikh Ahmad Yasin was killed in Gaza. Following this, the then head of Hamas, Abdel Aziz Al-Rantisi, was killed in an Israeli attack. On September 26, 2004, the military head of Hamas Sheikh Halil was killed. In 2009, two prominent leaders of Hamas namely



Nizar Rayan and Said Seyam were killed in Israeli attack. Syed Seyam had been functioning as a home minister of Hamas in Gaza. In 2010, Israeli agents had killed Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai. In 2012, Israel had killed the deputy

commander of Al-Qassem Brigade Ahmed Al-Jabari.

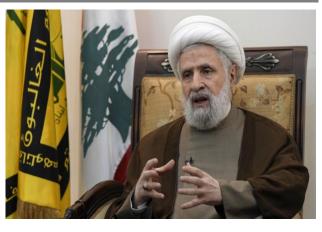
In August 2014, in Rafah in Gaza, three top commanders of Hamas— Mohammed Abu Shmamallah, Rayid Al Athar and Mohammad Barhoum were killed. In January this year, the deputy head of Hamas Saleh Al-Arouri was killed. Many of his colleagues were also killed with him. In July 2024, the military commander of Hamas Mohammad Deif was also killed. In the end of this month, the then chief of Hamas Ismail Haniyeh was killed in Tehran.

Siasat (October 24) states that Egypt had made this offer to Sinwar that he leave Gaza and take refuge in Egypt, but he rejected the offer. He said that he will fight Israel till his last breath.

#### Sheikh Naim Qassem new chief of Hezbollah

Avadhnama (October 30) states that 71-year-old Sheikh Naim Qassem has been appointed as the new chief of terrorist organisation Hezbollah. As per a report of Al Jazeera, the central council of Hezbollah has appointed Sheikh Naim Oassem as successor of Hassan Nasrallah. Sheikh Naim Qassem was born in a religious family in Lebanon in 1953. He got Islamic education under the tutelage of Ayatollah Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah. He has got BSc degree in Chemistry from Lebanon

University. He was one among the founding members of Lebanese Muslim Students Union. This organisation was established in the decade of 1970s. In 1974, he joined the Lebanese Shia Amal Movement, but following the Islamic Revolution that took place in Iran in 1979, he got separated from this movement. In 1982, when Hezbollah was established for an armed struggle against Israel, Naim Qassem joined the organisation. Initially, he worked as an aide to Abbas Ali-Musavi. In 1992, Musavi was killed in an Israeli



attack. After his killing, Hassan Nasrallah was made his successor. Along with this, Naim Qassem was made the deputy chief of Hezbollah. Naim Qassem was also the chief of Association for Islamic Religious Education during 1974-1988. Now the Shura Council of Hezbollah has appointed Sheikh Naim Qassem as the new chief of Hezbollah in place of Hassan Nasrallah. On September 27 this year, when Hassan Nasrallah was killed along with his many colleagues in an Israeli attack in Lebanese capital Beirut, his close relative *Hashem Safieddine* was made his successor. Hashim



was killed by Israel in the beginning of this month. Later Hezbollah also confirmed the killing the *Hashem Safieddine*. Now Sheikh Naim Qassem has been appointed as the new chief of this organisation.

**Urdu Times** (October 24) states that along with *Hashem Safieddine*, six other commanders of Hezbollah including the intelligence chief Ali Hussein Hazima were also killed.

# Israeli attack on Iran's military bases and missile factories



Aurangabad Times (October 27) states that in retaliation to the Iranian attack on Israel, the Israel carried out a massive attack on Iran after a gap of 25 days. Israel carried out an attack on Iran for three hours using planes and missiles. More than 200 missiles were also fired at Iran by Israel. The attacks targeted Iran's airports, military bases and factories manufacturing missiles. Israel used more than 100 planes to carry out the attack on Iran which included the most modern F-35 fighter jets. Israel claimed that their attack was a success and apart from several airports of Iran, their military bases and factories making missiles suffered huge damages. Following this attack, Israel, Iran and Iraq had closed their air space. The US supported the Israeli attack and said that this attack was carried out as retaliation for the Iranian attack. While confirming the attack, Iran said this attack took place in Tehran, Khuzestan and Ilam provinces. Majority of the missiles were destroyed before reaching their targets and hence Iran suffered very few damages and the nuclear energy plant and oil depots of Iran remained completely safe.

It is to be noted that US President Joe Biden had pressured Israel not to target nuclear energy centres and oil depots. The US had appealed to Iran not to retaliate to this attack by Israel. A spokesperson of Israel Army said that if Iran attacks Israel, they will be given a befitting reply. Israel claimed that the Iranian Army suffered huge damages in Tehran, Shiraz and Karaj provinces in this attack and three airports of Iran were destroyed. Saudi Arabia has condemned this attack by Israel. The other nations who condemned this attack include Pakistan, China, Russia and Jordan. Malaysia has appealed to both the countries not to expand the war, because it will be a threat to peace in the world.

Etemaad (October 28) has claimed that the Jews are not aware of Iran's power and the determination of the country. Whereas Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian said that we will retaliate to the Israeli attack as per our time. He said the enemies of Iran should understand that we are

strong enough to protect our land. Iran's foreign affairs minister Abbas Araghchi said we will respond to this attack at the right time. He said that Israel is a threat to international peace and hence the world should get united and foil the aggressive intentions of Israel. US newspaper 'Wall Street Journal' has claimed that Israeli

aircraft had targeted 23 places in Iran. In this attack, Iran's S-300 air defence system was totally destroyed. It is to be noted that this air defence system was given to Iran by Russia in 2016.

**Roznama Sahara** (October 21) in its editorial has condemned the Israeli attack and alleged that Israel is dragging the world towards a new war.

**Etemaad** (October 28) in its editorial has expressed concern that Muslim nations are not getting united to give a reply to the Israeli attack.

**Hindustan** (October 28) in its editorial has claimed that due to Israeli attack on Iran, the entire Middle East has



been caught up in war. Due to this, lot of destruction is likely to take place.

Qaumi Tanzeem (October 29) states that Israeli Army has claimed that they had made targeted attacks, following which Iran's missile defence system and factories that manufacture missiles got destroyed. The newspaper expressed satisfaction that due to pressure from the US President, Israel did not target nuclear energy plants and oil depots of Iran.

**Urdu Times** (October 29) states that Iran has alerted its military for retaliatory attack on Israel. Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has directed Iran to carry out retaliatory attack on Israel.

#### Hundreds killed in civil war in Sudan

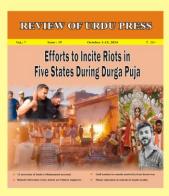


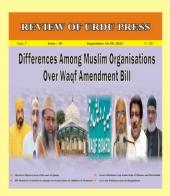
Roznama Sahara (October 27) reports that more than 100 people were killed and over 200 injured in an attack carried out by Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on a village in central Sudan. It is likely that the number of dead may increase. According to a non-government organisation, the RSF attacked a village located in El Gezira region using guns. Sudan's foreign ministry has condemned this act of revenge and said the government army will take strong action against these rebels. Thousands of people became

homeless in this attack. It is being said that the RSF carried out this attack in a spirit of revenge, because a senior commander of this organisation, Abuagla Keikal, had announced to leave this organisation and join government forces.

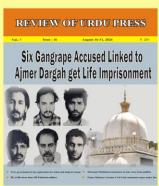
Inquilab (October 24) reports that the government forces targeted a masjid located in El Gezira region's capital Wad Madani in Sudan. This region is considered as a fort of RSF. Nearly 70 people were killed in this attack. These people were offering namaz at the masjid. RSF spokesperson said that as of now it is difficult to say how many people were killed in this attack because majority of those who were killed could not be identified and the bodies are still being counted. The spokesperson said that we will give a befitting reply to this brutal attack.

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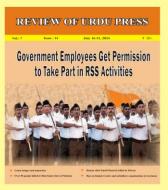


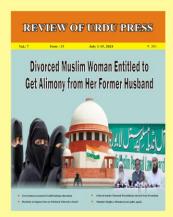


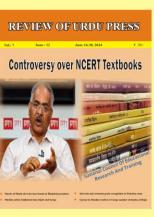


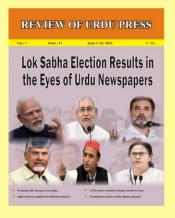














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