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Summary

Commenting on the Lok Sabha election results, the Urdu newspapers have targeted the Modi government and the Bharatiya Janata Party. In their editorial, majority of the newspapers expressed the opinion that the BJP had failed to get a majority of its own due to opposition from Muslims, Dalits and backward classes. In order to come to power, it had to take the help of crutches extended by Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu. The Urdu newspapers in their editorial had also mentioned that the people of the country did not like the hate campaign unleashed by Prime Minister Modi and his colleagues against Muslims. The Urdu newspapers expressed the hope that due to the recent outcome of the elections, the dictatorial tendencies of Modi would be curbed and he would not succeed in his efforts to make the country a Hindu Rashtra.

The Urdu newspapers expressed happiness over the poor performance of BJP in Uttar Pradesh and said that the efforts made by BJP to polarise Hindu votes through the construction of Ram Mandir in place of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya did not succeed. Majority of the newspapers also mentioned that for the first time in the history of the country, no Muslim minister has been included in the Union cabinet. However, in 2014, when the cabinet was formed under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, there were three Muslim ministers in it.

The Urdu newspapers have prominently published the news related to Haj and said that for the first time after several years, 24 lakh pilgrims will offer Haj, where the number of Indian Hajis is also nearly 1.75 lakh. The newspapers also mentioned in detail about the facilities being provided by the Saudi government for the Hajis and said that in order to maintain peace during Haj, the Saudi security forces have taken into custody three lakh foreigners from Mecca as they do not have the permit for Haj. Despite the Saudi government making so much arrangements, nearly 1,500 Hajis died due to extreme heat.

The Urdu newspapers have broadly welcomed the speech of RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat during a function of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in Nagpur and said that his advice that one should not breach decorum during the election campaign is appropriate. Elections are an essential part of democratic process in which different parties take part. It is not appropriate to spread hatred against one another and make unworthy criticism during election campaign. Mohan Bhagwat has suggested that instead of calling the opposition an adversary, they should be called opposite party. He also said that one who adheres to propriety while executing their duties is devoid of arrogance and such a person deserves to be called a public servant in the real sense of the term. Some newspapers in their editorials and articles expressed the doubt that differences have arisen between the government and the Sangh. That is the reason why Mohan Bhagwat had to give such kind of advice in his address.

In a meeting of All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, an umbrella organisation of different Muslim organisations in the country, the former chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission, Dr Zafarul Islam Khan, has been elected as the chairman of Mushawarat once again for a period of two years. The meeting of the Mushawarat expressed happiness over the results of the recently held Lok Sabha elections and urged Opposition parties to get united to protect secularism and the Constitution. It is to be noted that All India Majlis-e-Mushawarat was formed in Lucknow in 1964. Later a split took place in the organisation. Ten years ago, the two groups got united again. That time Zafarul Islam Khan was made the new chairman of the newly formed Mushawarat and Syed Shahabuddin had resigned from that post.

Lok Sabha election results in the eyes of Urdu newspapers



Urdu Times (June 5) states that during the start of the election campaign, the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi had been raising the slogan of 'ab ki baar, 400 paar' and the manner in which Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was delivering his speeches, it looked like these people would swallow the Muslims of the country and wipe them out. But now the BJP has failed to even secure a clear majority in the Lok Sabha. Now they will have to woo many parties to form the government. Whereas the INDIA alliance is just 34 seats away from majority. The question here is how many days will the Modi government, which is dependent on the crutches of Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu, will be able to run?

Urdu Times (June 6) states that the people of the country have cast their votes to protect democracy and rejected the hate campaign unleashed by the BJP. This is the first time in the world that a party which was in power has targeted the biggest minority community in the country through a hate campaign.

Siasat (June 5) states that people have cast their vote in favour of the Constitution and democracy and against

hatred in these elections. The BJP and NDA had to suffer huge setback in these elections. Whereas the Congress and INDIA alliance got a massive success. A strong opposition has come to the fore in the country. Due to this, the threat of changing the Constitution and bringing dictatorship in the country have been averted for the time being. The efforts that the Congress were making were not fully successful. Congress could not win even a single seat in Madhya Pradesh. In Gujarat, they got just one seat. In Karnataka, the Congress did not register success as per the expectations. Had the Congress got 25-30 seats in these states, Modi would not have come back to power.

Siasat (June 9) said in its editorial that Narendra Modi has become the prime minister of the country for the third time. In his last two tenures, he ran the government in an arbitrary manner and never thought that he would be answerable to the people. Nobody had the courage to raise his head and ask any question before him. There were several such leaders in BJP also, who were not happy with the ways of Modi, but were afraid of him. Whereas, there were such leaders as well whose aim was just to

enjoy politics. They never made any effort to raise the issues of people before the government. This apart, those parties who were in the opposition were harassed at the behest of Modi and fake cases were registered against them. The government's economy was handed over to a handful of corporates and the governmental properties were sold to their favourites at throwaway prices, but now Modi will not be able to do as per his wish since his party does not have the majority in the Parliament.



Many people have analysed the Lok Sabha elections from their own point of view, but this truth has to be accepted that along with the poor and the backward classes, the Muslims also played an important role in saving this country's democracy, secularism and the Constitution. The ruling party had run a well-planned hate campaign against Muslims. Despite this, the Muslim vote remained united and they destroyed those people who have been running the hate campaign. Uttar Pradesh played an important role in the success of INDIA alliance and the contribution of Muslims cannot be denied in it. In general, the women played the most important role in defeating Modi.

Qaumi Tanzeem (June 10) states that time has destroyed the dictatorship. Unlike in the past, now the BJP government will not be able to act in a dictatorial manner. Its condition will be like that of a helpless wrestler, who, with a begging bowl in his hand, begs for help from his colleagues.

There is a strong possibility that the parties on whose crutches the Modi government stands, will blackmail it. In this way, the threat of going out of power will always loom over the government. The new government will not be able to take any decision as per its wish. The Lok Sabha election results have shattered the

dreams of BJP to make Bharat a Hindu Rashtra.

Urdu Times (June 8) states that the Lok Sabha election results have shown all political parties about their status. Now they have to focus on resolving the problems of people. It is a fact that a powerful leader was left on the crutches by the people. Now the people will have to keep this reign strictly under control. The election results have also proved how deep are the roots of democracy in the country and what kind of emotions are there in the hearts of people to protect it. This is the reason why no political party has got a clear majority. Though the NDA has formed the government, the BJP will not be able to sustain the hate campaign like in the past. The people and soil of this country do not accept any undemocratic act. The election results have made the BJP understand that in this country, 'communal harmony' and the 'shop of love' will never get closed. The people have totally rejected the efforts being made in Uttar Pradesh to create a frenzied atmosphere in the name of Kashi and Mathura. The election results have also confirmed that no ruling party would be able to ignore the problems of people through lies and deceit for too many days.

Avadhnama (June 15), while commenting on the Lok Sabha election results and the formation of the cabinet, said that for the first time in the history of the country, there is not a single Muslim in the Central cabinet. The claimant of

Hindutva, BJP, suffered a defeat in this election and it did not get a clear majority in the Parliament. In this, the role of Dalits and Muslims cannot be denied. The present government thinks of Hindustani Muslims as its biggest enemy and it doesn't mind taking any step to wipe them out. In the past also NDA governments were formed under the leadership of BJP. In those cabinets, Muslim leaders like Shahnawaz Hussain and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi were included. Even in the first cabinet of Prime Minister Modi, Najma Heptullah, M J Akbar and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi were ministers. After that nobody has given any attention in giving representation to Muslims. The surprising thing is that today there is not a single Muslim chief minister in any of the states in this country.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 17) said that Modi's pride is shattered and the claim of crossing 400 seats has bitten the dust. The results in total have proved that the back of politics based on dictatorship and hatred has broken and democracy has won. Modi had presented himself as the sole face of BJP. The intoxication of 'Modi hai to Mumkin hai' has been get rid of. Compared to last time, the BJP got 63 seats less this time. In 2019, the Congress had won just 52 seats in the Lok Sabha elections. It went up to 99 this time. Had the Congress leaders not fight against each other, the number would have gone up further. In the greed for power, Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu had joined the NDA before the elections. In his past two terms, Modi had taken unilateral decisions and forcefully implemented them on the people. Maybe this time Modi many not show such type of dictatorial tendencies. However, the way BJP ministers got important portfolios in the cabinet, it gives an indication that only the BJP's opinion would matter on important issues. It is also not as easy as it seems. Modi was not at all ready to hand over the post of prime minister to any other leader of his party.

All the BJP leaders kneeled before Modi and accepted him as the NDA leader. As per the rules of the constitution of the

cabinet, 15 percent of the total number of seats in the Lok Sabha could be appointed as ministers. In such a situation, the number of ministers in the newly constituted cabinet can go up to 81. However, as of now, only 72 ministers have taken oath. In such a situation, whenever Modi wants, he can include 9 other ministers in his cabinet. Modi who claims Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas has not given space to even a single Muslim minister in his cabinet. This has happened for the first time in the history of the country. There are 20 crore Muslims in this country which is 14 percent of the total population. By not including them in the ministry, the message that has been tried to deliver is that the Modi government does not need Muslims.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 10) states that Maha Vikas Aghadi has registered huge success in the Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra, but the Muslims were left empty-handed. Now, Assembly elections are scheduled to take place in Maharashtra in the next few months. In such a situation, all the organisations and leaders of Muslims should get united and start working on a strategy to get their candidates for the Assembly elections.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 6) in its editorial said that Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu have declared their intention to stay back in NDA. It is also good in the sense that though Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu are part of NDA, the two are far away from the ideology of the BJP. This may prove to be a huge burden for the BJP. The BJP is forced to bear this burden because without which it would not have been possible for them to form the government. People will remember that Narendra Modi was swearing not to give reservation to Muslims in his election rallies. Meanwhile, Chandrababu Naidu had announced that he would continue with the reservation been given to Muslims. It is expected from him that he will not allow BJP to do whatever it wants in Parliament. Nitish Kumar is a samajwadi and he would definitely not

allow BJP to implement its Hindutvawadi agenda. This time the government that has been formed by the NDA is not stronger like the one in the past, instead it would be a weak one. A weak government will not dare to act arbitrarily.

Hindustan (June 10) in its editorial said that despite making Ram temple, the BJP did not get majority in the Lok Sabha elections. The BJP lost 30 seats in Uttar Pradesh. In Uttar Pradesh, there are 80 percent Hindus and 19 percent Muslims. In the Faizabad seat in Ayodhya, 85 percent are Hindus and 15 percent are Muslims. Despite making the Ram temple, the BJP got defeated there. It is clear from it that it is not possible to win elections by taking help of Hindutva. The biggest thing about this election is that those people have also lost in the elections who thought themselves as invincible. Those who were shouting Modi-Modi are now shouting NDA-NDA. The Muslims in Uttar Pradesh killed three birds with one stone. First, they brought back the respect of Samajwadi Party. Second, disrespectful central government was destroyed brick by brick.

Third, by ending the Hindu-Muslim animosity in Uttar Pradesh, they have given a new direction to the politics of the entire country. They have blackened the face of the fascists. Now, let's mention something about the bulldozer baba as well. He never got tired of mentioning the bulldozer while talking. Now, Insha Allah, Muslims will openly call for azaan and will also offer namaz on public places. You sent your bulldozer somewhere away.

Etemaad (June 9) has expressed concern that the Congress did not get the success as per the expectations. In the 28 seats in Karnataka, the BJP won in 17 and the Congress could win only in 9 seats. However, in the Assembly elections held in 2023, it had registered victory in 134 seats out of the total 224 seats. However, compared to 2019, there is a 13 percent increase in the votes that the party received. Whereas the percentage of the votes of BJP



came down from 52 percent to 46. The Muslims in the state should seriously think about this. They have to find out a way where Muslims will be able to protect their religion, their separate identity and their culture and civilisation.

Etemaad (June 9) said that Mayawati is obsessed with defeating the INDIA alliance. In the recent Lok Sabha elections, Mayawati had fielded Muslim candidates in several seats, but Muslims did not vote for her candidates. It looks like Muslims had given their votes to such candidates who were capable of defeating BJP. Before the elections, efforts were made to include Mayawati also in the INDIA alliance so that the division of anti-BJP votes could be stopped. But Mayawati was not even willing to talk to anyone on this issue. Officially she may claim that she was hopeful that by fielding Muslim candidates in this elections, she could stop the BJP candidates from getting elected, but it did not happen like that. Far from stopping BJP, knowingly or unknowingly they put all the 16 seats in BJP's bag.

In Nagina seat, her party's candidate was badly defeated by young dalit leader and the chief of Bhim Army, Chandrashekar Azad. In this way, the game played by Mayawati to extend benefits to BJP in an indirect manner has failed. This victory of Chandrashekar is a danger sign for the Dalit politics of Mayawati.

Etemaad (June 9) in its article, while taking a swipe on Narendra Modi, said that now the camel has come down from the hill. He has come to know that there is somebody who is higher than him. He has become dependent on the crutches.



During his election campaign, Prime Minister Modi had openly targeted Muslims. Delivering an election speech in Banswara in Rajasthan, he had described Muslims as infiltrators and those who produce more children. There the BJP candidate was defeated by a margin of more than 2 lakh votes.

Etemaad (June 8) in its editorial, while mentioning about the solid defeat of BJP in Faizabad Lok Sabha constituency, said that though the BJP had to face defeat in many important seats in the Lok Sabha elections, the most surprising result came from Ayodhya. In the Faizabad Lok Sabha seat, where the Ram Mandir was constructed, the BJP had to suffer a shameful defeat.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 7) said that in this elections, the spread of communalism did not benefit BJP, instead it damaged the party. The most heartening thing is the ending of triple talaq also did not benefit the Narendra Modi government. Nearly 40% Muslim women have given their votes to Congress. The people of the country have given a tight slap on the BJP and its leaders. It had neither been able to finish off the Muslim leadership, nor been able to weaken the Opposition. If the BJP wants to stay in the politics of the country, it has to leave all its Sanghi agenda and stop the poisonous campaign against the Muslims.

Avadhnama (June 10) states that Muslims, OBCs and Dalits had the biggest role in stopping the BJP from coming to power with absolute majority. They have changed the picture of the Parliament itself. Muslims got united and voted for the

candidates of INDIA alliance. Due to this, the BJP had to face defeat in many seats. This time, 24 Muslim candidates have won to the Lok Sabha. Chief of Samajwadi Party had formed an election formula in the name of 'PDA' which included the Pichde, Dalits and Muslims. Due to this, out of the 37 candidates of Samajwadi Party, 20 OBC, eight Dalit and four Muslim candidates won in the elections. In Ayodhya seat, the Dalit candidate of Samajwadi Party, Awadesh Prasad, defeated the upper caste candidate of BJP, Lallu Singh.

Analysts say that this time BJP got very few Dalit votes. Whereas in the 2019 elections, the vote bank of BSP had largely gone to the BJP. There are 32 such seats in Uttar Pradesh where the population of Muslims is 20 to 52 percent. Out of them, the BJP used to win on an average of 28 seats. This time, except on two seats, the BJP lost all the seats. In this elections, all the parties had ignored the Muslims. Not a single party had announced any new schemes for Muslims in their election manifesto because the BJP has created such an atmosphere that whoever raises voice in favour of Muslims are treated as traitors. The truth is that Prime Minister Modi had finished off the identity of Muslims at the political level. Earlier, every party used to think that Muslims should not get disappointed with them, but after 2014, taking the name of Muslims itself has become a political crime.

Professor Furqan Qamar of Jamia Millia Islamia says that the seats where the number of Muslims is higher and where they could influence the electoral outcome, the Modi government had reserved them for Dalits and OBCs. This time the Muslims, instead of getting swept away by sentiments, used their wisdom and protected their votes from getting divided. The BJP had fielded a Muslim candidate Abdul Salam from Malappuram in Kerala. He remained in the third position. There E T Muhammad Bashir of Indian Union Muslim League won the elections.

Avadhnama (June 9) has appealed to the Muslims that any time a mid-term election could take place in the country, hence they have to start preparing for it now itself to ensure the victory of the Opposition.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 10) states that not a single political party has secured a majority of its own. The BJP is happy because it has come back to power with the cooperation of its allies and the Congress is happy because it has got a new lease of life. Muslim organisations Emarat-e-Shariah and Khanguah Mujebia had a hand in the victory of RJD in Patliputra in Bihar. Due to their efforts, Muslims voted en masse to Misa Bharati. Had RJD given ticket to Mohammad Shahabuddin's wife Hena Shahab in Siwan, she would have definitely won. The reason for INDIA alliance's lower-than-expected victory is due to the division of votes of Yadavs. In Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, the BJP had registered victory because the opposition parties were weak there. For the first time in the history of the country, the BJP had won both the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Odisha. There was no Modi magic there, but the part of Modi's speech that you are handing over Odisha to Tamil Nadu got embedded in the minds of the people there. This regionalism proved costly for Naveen Patnaik. In Assam, due



to the internal differences between the parties in INDIA alliance, Maulana Badruddin Ajmal faced a massive defeat. The reason for this is the mutual conflict between Congress and AIUDF. Had Ajmal signed a deal with INDIA alliance, he would not have suffered this misery.

The mouthpiece of Jamaat-e-Islami, **Radiance** (June 22), said that in this elections, the people of this country has made it clear that they did not like the hate speeches, anti-people policies, misuse of CBI, ED and Income Tax departments by the ruling party. In the recent election results, the Muslims felt relieved because they were very much disappointed over the communal stand and discriminatory policies of the government. They are worried that their representation in the Lok Sabha was just nominal and for the first time not a single Muslim minister has been included in the Union government. ■

Discussion over Sangh chief's address in Urdu newspapers

Urdu newspapers have covered in detail the remarks made by RSS Chief Dr Mohan Bhagwat.

Taasir (June 13) states that the chief of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Mohan Bhagwat, has surprised the people of the country by saying some things about the BJP and its government. Why is Mohan Bhagwat saying this? Is everything going well between the Sangh and BJP? All kinds of discussions are taking place over this. There is no doubt that whenever one talks about BJP's policies, RSS is definitely

mentioned. It is being said that Sangh plays a role in every policy, every decision of the BJP. The Sangh sets the guiding principles and the BJP implements them. On June 10, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat delivered his speech at the valedictory function of Karyakarta Vikas Varg of the Sangh in Nagpur. On this occasion, without mentioning BJP and its government, he said certain things which shocked people. During election time, Mohan Bhagwat said efforts are made to one-up each other. There is lot of competition, but there is also



a limit to it. This Lok Sabha election was fought as if it was not elections, but some war. The social and psychological distance increased because of the way both the sides attacked each other. Two sides are required in Parliament, but both the sides have to maintain their decorum under any circumstance.

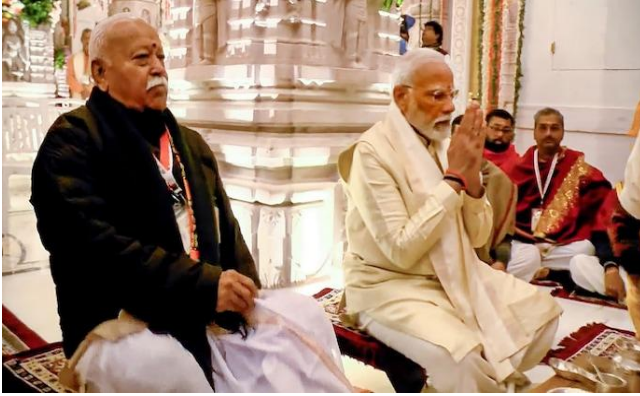
While advising the government, Bhagwat said that instead of calling the opposition as adversary, it would be appropriate to call them the side with counterview. One who maintains dignity while doing the work does not become arrogant and only he deserves to be called a public servant in the real sense of the term.

Talking about Manipur, Bhagwat said that Manipur is waiting for peace for the past one year. For the past 10 years there was peace, but now unrest has arisen there or has been caused there. Manipur is burning even today. Who will pay attention to it? It is necessary to find a solution to the problem on priority basis. It is clear that this message from Mohan Bhagwat is meant for the Central government. Some people believe that something is not smooth between the Sangh and the BJP.

The newspaper said that during the elections, BJP chief J P Nadda had issued a statement. In an interview given to *The Indian Express*, Nadda said that the BJP needed the RSS earlier, but today BJP is capable of running itself. When he was

asked whether there has been any change in the present time compared to the time of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Nadda said that initially we would be a little ineffective. That time the RSS was needed, but today we have grown and capable and hence BJP is running on its own. That is the difference. Is there really some resentment between the RSS and BJP? The political analysts are also giving their answer to this question from their own point of view. Some say that the relationship between the Sangh and the high command of BJP is not very good. This time, during the distribution of tickets for the Lok Sabha elections, the Sangh did not have the kind of saying it had in the previous elections.

The Sangh workers were also shocked by the statement of Nadda and hence the Sangh swayamsevaks did not play the same role as before during the election campaign. Amid the atmosphere created by 'Ab ki baar, 400 paar' and 'Modi Ki Guarantee,' the RSS cadre could not connect with the party. However, analysts belonging to the party, while rejecting this claim, said that there is no strain in the relations between the RSS and the BJP. The Sangh chief has just warned about the challenges faced by the government. The Manipur issue was also mentioned in this context. The analysts who keep a close watch on the affairs of



RSS and BJP believe that Mohan Bhagwat has expressed his displeasure about the controversial comments made by the senior leaders of the party, irregularities in the selection of Lok Sabha candidates and on the situation in Manipur.

The newspaper claimed that whatever Mohan Bhagwat wanted to say, he had said it very politely. Not only this, during his address, he had drawn the attention of the arrogant people sitting in the government towards civilized behaviour and the people liked this very much. Meanwhile, it is true that in the recent elections, the BJP leaders and activists did not seek the cooperation of RSS. There were too much overconfidence and self-confidence than what were required among the BJP leaders and activists. They used to target the opposition through social media. This arrogance by them did not allow them to come down to the ground. This message by Mohan Bhagwat is an indication in that direction.

Roznama Sahara (June 12) said in its editorial said that the Modi government, which has been implementing the Sangh ideology for the past 10 years, has to face criticism from the Sangh itself now. After the Narendra Modi government took oath, it has been expected that the RSS leaders will also sent congratulatory messages to Modi and would assure him that the organisation would be standing behind the government and the BJP like in the past, but it did not happen and what was not expected happened. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, while raising questions about the

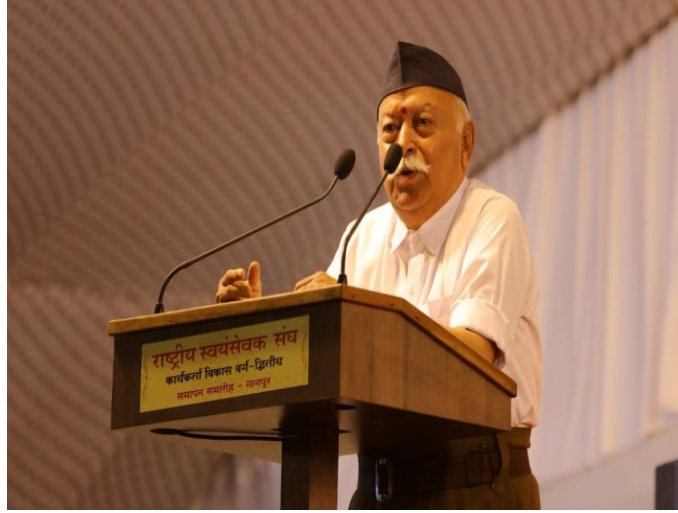
manner of functioning of the Modi government, blamed the Modi government itself for the unrest in Manipur. Mohan Bhagwat also said such things about the increasing communalism and democracy in the society, which the Modi government would not have expected.

Addressing a function of RSS in Nagpur, Bhagwat said the people in Manipur has been waiting for peace for the past one year. In the past 10 years, there was peace in the state, but all of a sudden the gun culture propped up once again. It is to be noted that violence has been taking place in Manipur for the past one year and 52 people died there in the past three days. The incident in which the mob misbehaved with two women in Manipur last year shook the whole country. More than 60,000 people lost their lives due to the violence that erupted there. Hundreds of buildings and shops were destroyed. Despite this, Prime Minister Modi did not go to Manipur. Seeing the tense atmosphere in Manipur, even now it could be said that both the Central and state governments have failed to resolve the problems there or deliberately did not give any attention to it.

Mohan Bhagwat also said many other things about democracy. He said that elections are an integral part of democracy. There is competition between two sides in the elections, but this contest is not war.

Lies should not be used in this, but lies were introduced through technology. Such a campaign was unleashed which creates tension in society. Organisations like RSS were also dragged into this. During elections, the campaign should be held with dignity, but this decorum was not maintained in this elections. Bhagwat urged to understand the multicultural structure of the country and pay attention to it. Whatever Mohan Bhagwat has said on the silence of BJP and Modi on the issue of Manipur is a big challenge for the new government.

From the stand displayed by the Sangh chief in his address, it is clear that this time the BJP, which is nowhere near majority, has to face criticism from the RSS apart from its own allies. The purpose of this criticism is not to weaken the government, because BJP is a political party born out of the womb of RSS and it works to keep the country run in accordance with the ideology of the Sangh. One should not think that there is a rift in the relationship between the two after the statement given by the Sangh chief in Nagpur criticising Prime Minister Modi. The truth is that Mohan Bhagwat has tried to give a message to the BJP while playing the role of a parent organisation. Mohan Bhagwat has drawn the attention of BJP towards its mistakes so that in future the party remains alert and it should not suffer any political consequences due to it.



In an article published in **Inquilab** (June 14), Siraj Naqvi said that whatever Mohan Bhagwat said, those are mostly applicable to BJP president J P Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah. Addressing the office-bearers of RSS, Mohan Bhagwat said that a good sevak does not have arrogance. He will work without harming others and only such a person is entitled to be called a true servant. I don't know whether Mohan Bhagwat had any specific face in his mind or not when he was expressing his thoughts, but if you observe the performance of all the current leaders in Indian politics in the light of his statement, then your eyes will get stuck only on leaders like Modi, Shah and Nadda. It would be more appropriate to say that these leaders have played the biggest role in breaching the decorum. May be this is the first time in the history of BJP that any president of the party has openly claimed that the BJP doesn't need the RSS now. The effect of Nadda's boastfulness is that unlike in other elections, this time the swayamsevaks of Sangh were not seen

actively participating in the election campaign.

Mohan Bhagwat also said that the election campaign should not be based on lies and the decorum was not kept in mind in the recent elections. His statement raises the question as to finally, who are those people who created a new record in telling lies after violating the code of conduct in the election campaign and worked to poison the election atmosphere. If one examines the election statements of Prime Minister Modi, it would become clear who else was Bhagwat pointing to? In his statement, Mohan Bhagwat also said that when there are elections, there is definitely competition and during this time one has to push each other back, but there is a limit to this too. This competition should not be based on lies. People are elected to the Parliament and it is our tradition to reach consensus on various issues in the Parliament.

Now look at Modi's implementation in the context of Bhagwat's statement. Forget about reaching a consensus with the Opposition. Modi has never valued the opinion of his party, own cabinet and the ministers of the departments concerned. Remember, when the decision on demonetisation was taken, even the finance minister was not informed. In the same way, no discussion took place in the Parliament over the removal of Article 370 from Kashmir and the home minister made

an announcement as if he has the sole authority over it. The truth is that no talks were held either with the people of Jammu Kashmir nor in the Assembly there on this issue. Under Modi regime, many such decisions were taken in which neither the need of holding a discussion in the Parliament was felt, nor the opinion of the minister concerned was given any importance, instead two ministers take all the decisions. Means, the Modi government hardly had given any importance to the politics of general consensus that Mohan Bhagwat has been talking about. Then in the elections too, lies were resorted to indiscriminately in the political war with the opposition. The tragedy is that majority of the Constitutional institutions remained silent on this issue and in this way the ruling class kept trying to convert differences into enmity. Due to this, many challenges have arisen before our democratic structure.

Expressing his opinion on this issue, Mohan Bhagwat said that if someone doesn't agree with your opinion, stop calling him your adversary. In the 10 years of Modi rule, the political opponents were treated in the same manner as one's worst enemy or convicted criminal would be treated in the legal system. All the crimes and corruption charges against those who have made political alliance with the ruling party were forgiven, while those who maintain a difference of opinion are sent to jail. The Modi government has badly ruined the tradition of consensus, liberalism and political morality established by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee during his regime.

In his speech, Mohan Bhagwat has also mentioned about Manipur. There is no need to clarify to whom this is being said without taking names. Who is the one who did not utter a word about the serious situation in Manipur? Mohan Bhagwat or his organisation, who have now opened their mouth on all these issues, are no less responsible on this. What Bhagwat is saying today, why didn't he say it when all the opposition parties were raising their

voice against the Modi government on this issue. Why did they silently watch Manipur burn? Due to whose fear they could not give this advice to the arrogant rulers, who now, being punished by the people? The reality is that now this repentance of Mohan Bhagwat is useless.

Aurangabad Times (June 14) states that Shiv Sena's mouthpiece 'Saamana' has asked in its editorial whether the advice of Mohan Bhagwat will change the present character of BJP? The newspaper has written that the swayamsevaks of Sangh had to do lot of hard work to make the BJP reach its current position, but in the past 10 years, Modi and Shah had used Sangh to serve their own political interests. This pair has displayed the use and throw method, otherwise how come BJP president J P Nadda had the courage to say that we do not need RSS. He had given this statement on behalf of Modi and Amit Shah. During the regime of Modi and Shah, the power of the Sangh got weakened and the BJP lost the 2024 elections due to the arrogance of Modi and Shah.

In an article published in **Mumbai Urdu News** (June 13), it has been asked whether the Sangh got to see the arrogance of Modi and BJP today? Why did Bhagwat take 400 days to speak on Manipur? This kind of article could have been published in Organiser earlier itself. Now you go back 20 years and see. In 2004, it was said that Sangh was disappointed with the Atal government, hence the power changed hands. Such things are spread only by the RSS because Sangh always wanted to control power. As soon as the BJP becomes weak at the Centre, the Sangh throws its net and propagates that the Sangh is angry with the BJP, but the reality is something else. It can be seen that till today Modi has not taken any such decision which is not in tune with the ideology of Sangh. All the work done by the Modi government were as per the format prepared at Sangh office. All these are politics. The people of Sangh ideology have been infiltrating the government system since beginning. Today, the only aim of the Sangh's show of

differences with the Modi government is to free itself from the mistakes of Modi government and get the sympathy of people.

Roznama Sahara (June 14) Group Editor Abdul Majeed Nizami in his article states that while addressing a function organised at Dr Hedgewar Smriti Bhawan in Reshimbagh in Nagpur, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said some things which give an indication that he is not happy with the BJP high command. He seems to be unhappy that Prime Minister Modi has turned the election into a battleground and has said baseless and rude things against the opposition parties. More than all these things, what was shocking in Bhagwat's speech was that while addressing his swayamsevaks, he said one should embrace any teachings of goodness and humanity in Islam and Christianity. People of all religions should look at each other with respect like brothers and sisters.

Nizami has written that people who are interested in this should understand the entire speech of Bhagwat more deeply. The basic aspect of his speech is that the RSS has given this clear message to BJP that it should never try to keep itself above the limit set by the Sangh on the basis of their victory in the elections. It is clear from this that the national president of BJP J P Nadda has been specifically reprimanded. Through this speech, Bhagwat has reduced the stature of Modi, rather than Nadda, who had violated all the limits of dignity, culture and truth and converted the elections into a battlefield. The Sangh Parivar not at all liked this stand of Narendra Modi and that is why Bhagwat has publicly expressed his displeasure. Bhagwat has stressed that attainment of power is just a means for the Sangh. Whereas just the opposite of it, Narendra Modi during his 10 years of rule, has revealed every moment that power is the main goal of his life, and that is why he had focused on his personality. Narendra Modi had always wanted to make himself so high that every person and organization will feel

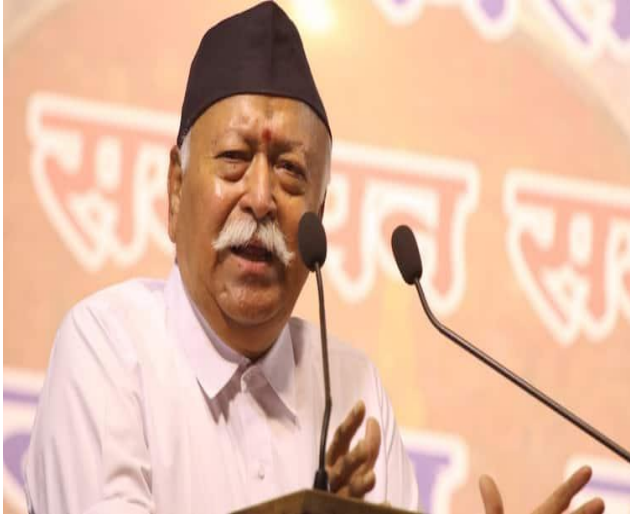


dwarf in front of him. Doing so would be beneficial for Modi personally and those associated with him, but for the Sangh Parivar, it is more important to keep the country united in the name of Hindutva.

The effort of the Sangh is to bring different sections of the society closer to each other and create a social structure ignoring old disputes in which history can move on the path of compromise instead of becoming a burden. Similarly, Modi was seen talking against Opposition parties and minorities in the country, where an atmosphere of conflict is created instead of unity and the integrity of the country is in danger. Bhagwat has been emphasizing on this viewpoint that by forgetting the bitterness of the past, relationships of mutual love and harmony should flourish. People of all religions and cultures should respect each other.

What is to be seen now is how far will Sangh Parivar go to implement all this. If Bhagwat is serious about his speech, then he should play his role in stopping the system of spewing venom against the religion, methods of worship, lifestyle and dress of Muslims and Christians. As far as Prime Minister Modi and his political allies are concerned, the people of this country had given them the clear message that they do not agree with their politics.

Akhbar-e-Mashriq (June 13) in its editorial said that Mohan Bhagwat has



to this reality that after coming to power, it is the Sangh-trained swayamsevaks themselves who spread the most of the hate propaganda. Who doesn't know the fact that BJP is the political wing of RSS and the swayamsevaks of RSS extend help to the BJP in every election.

Urdu Times (June 12) in its editorial said that even if late, Mohan Bhagwat for the first time read the verse of arrogance of the government and explained its meaning and said that pride and arrogance are not good for any

given an indirect advice to the Modi government. He also tried to heal the wounds after Modi spewed venom and targeted Muslims. This story of Mohan Bhagwat is true that elections are not any kind of war but is competition. He said the people had given their mandate to the NDA and we need to respect it. Those people who have been elected by the people will sit in the Parliament and would run the country through consensus. We need to come out of election statements and think about the future. The unity in the society should be maintained. Mentioning about Islam and Christianity, he said that the public welfare and humanity preached in these religions should be adopted. If only! May the words of Bhagwat sink into the hearts and minds of those who spread hatred and may love and peace prevail again in the country.

Siasat (June 12) said in its editorial that the Sangh chief has turned a blind eye

pradhan sevak. He also said the country doesn't belong to any political party, but belongs to all political parties and different ideologies as well. The question here is why Mohan Bhagwat remembered these things after a gap of 10 years. When Satyapal Malik raised his voice over this issue, why Bhagwat ji remained silent? Has Mohan Bhagwat been forced to give this statement since BJP chief J P Nadda said the BJP doesn't need RSS now. On this, we had said in our editorial that it was not Nadda, but the BJP's money is talking. The qualities that Mohan Bhagwat counted in a sevak, that has been found only in Nitin Gadkari so far. The newspaper asked aren't these arrogant people belong to the RSS cadre? Mohan Bhagwat is too late. Don't know how many arrogant groups of RSS workers have been prepared till now? The responsibility to crush this arrogance is on the Sangh chief. Will Mohan Bhagwat be able to do this work?

Film 'Hamare Baarah' gets permission for release

The Bombay High Court has granted permission for the film 'Hamare Baarah' to be released on June 21.

According to **Inquilab** (June 20), the makers of the film have agreed to delete some portions of the film 'Hamare Baarah.' Following this, the Bombay High Court granted permission to release this film. It is

to be noted that a few Muslim organisations filed a public interest litigation in the court and demanded a ban on the release of this film. They claimed the film insults Islam and Muslim women. The makers of the film have assured the court they would remove the objectionable parts in the film before it is being released



on which the petitioners had raised objections. The film makers have also agreed to pay an amount of Rs 5 lakh to a charitable institution of petitioners' choice. Earlier, the Supreme Court, while banning the release of this film, had sent the matter to the Bombay High Court.

Inquilab (June 14) states that the Supreme Court had stopped the release of the controversial film 'Hamare Baarah' due to the objectionable manner in which Islam, Muslims and Muslim women are portrayed in the film. A division bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta said that they had seen the trailer of the film which is quite offensive. Whatever is presented in YouTube is objectionable. The division bench then stopped the release of the film across the country till the verdict in the case pending before the Bombay High Court comes. The division bench also directed the Bombay High Court that it should hear the petition filed by petitioner Azhar Basha Tamboli at the earliest. It is to be noted that petitioner Tamboli filed a petition against Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) before the Bombay High Court and demanded that the certification of the film should be cancelled and its nation-wide release be stopped. The petitioner had argued that the film was greatly objectionable and it

violates the tenets of Cinematograph Act 1952. The release of the film would violate Section 19 and 25 of the Constitution.

The Bombay High Court constituted a three-member committee to give an objective opinion on this film. After getting an assurance from the committee on presenting the report on time and on assured by the film makers to remove the controversial dialogues, the court granted permission to release the film. The petitioner Azhar Basha Tamboli approached the Supreme Court against this decision. In the Supreme Court, the lawyer of the petitioner Fauzia Shakil argued that the high court had erred in directing the CBFC to form a committee because the Board itself is a party to the case. The Supreme Court, while accepting this argument, directed the petitioner that he shall raise this matter before the Bombay High Court. Earlier, the Congress government in Karnataka had imposed a ban on the release of this film in the state, arguing that it may create communal tension in the society.

Urdu Times (June 8) reports that the Congress government in Karnataka has banned the release of Annu Kapoor's film 'Hamare Baarah.' The state government took this decision after analysing the petitions filed by different organisations

and after watching the trailer of the film. This apart, this decision has also been taken so that communal tension should not increase in state. The government took this decision under Section 15 of Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964. This film has been at the centre of a controversy for a long time now. Many people allege that this film has been made for communal propaganda.



Whereas some others say that this film is disturbing for us and may have an impact on the mentality of the present generation. The trailer of this film was released on May 30, which was removed immediately as it sparked a controversy. Earlier, CBFC had granted it U/A certification. The CBFC had directed the makers of the film to change its title and also suggested 21 changes in the film.

Hindustan Express (June 7) states that the Bombay High Court had stayed the release of the film till June 14. This film was supposed to be released on June 7. This order was issued by a division bench comprising Justice Nitin Borkar and Justice Kamal Khata. A social activist, Azhar Basha Tamboli, had filed a petition before the Bombay High Court in which he had raised objections to certain portions in the film. He said that the trailer of the film which has been released on social media is objectionable and it has hurt his sentiments. During the hearing of the petition, CBFC has told the court that it is its responsibility to issue certification for the release of the films. This film has been issued certificate for its release only after removing the objectionable portions in the film. Whereas, it has no control over the trailer which has been released on YouTube.

After hearing the arguments from both the sides, the court directed that the release of the film shall be stayed for a week and directed the Censor Board to file an affidavit in this connection. It is to be noted that earlier the name of this film was

‘Hum do, Hamare Baarah,’ but after objections from some Muslim organisations, its name was changed as ‘Hamare Baarah.’ As per information, the film portrays a particular community in a humiliating manner. A complaint has been registered against the makers of this film in a police station in Mumbai. As per another complaint, unidentified people have been regularly issuing death threats to those who are associated with this film.

Sahafat (June 1) states that the imam of Fatehpuri masjid, Mufti Mukarram Ahmed, has demanded that the film ‘Hamare Baarah’ should be banned immediately because it has insulted Islam, Quran and the Hadis. He said that this film is a fake propaganda against Muslims. The aim of this film is to create an atmosphere of hatred against Muslims in the country.

Hamara Samaj (June 2) states that All India Muslim Personal Law Board, while demanding a ban on the film, said the film will create communal tension and will create an atmosphere against Islam and Muslims. This film will put the country’s unity and brotherhood in trouble. Spokesperson of the board, Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas, expressed surprise as to how come the Censor Board granted permission to release this film which is fake, misleading and which shows a particular community in bad light? He said that nowadays, a campaign is being unleashed to tarnish the image of Islam and Muslims through films. In this connection, mentioning about ‘Kerala Story’ and



'Kashmir Files,' he said that in this film, a verse of Quran has been presented in a distorted form. He alleged that this film has been made in order to create fear about Muslims among the majority community of the country and take political benefit out of it. He demanded that a case shall be registered against the producer and director of this film for hurting the religious sentiments of a particular community.

Hindustan Express (May 26) said that through this film, an effort has been made to deliberately give a bad name to the role of women in Islam and the verses of Quran have been presented in a wrong

manner. The film has openly targeted Muslims and it has been alleged that Muslims are responsible for the increasing population in the country.

Hindustan (May 26) states that this film has been made to defame Muslims. Quran and Shariah have been made fun of in this film and it also insults the character of Muslims. It has been claimed in this film that women are tortured in Islam and they are being used only to produce children.

Hamara Samaj (May 21) has published an article written by the chairman of All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Maulana Khalid Saifullah Rahmani, in which it has been said that in Hindu religion, 'niyog' practice allows a woman to have children with another man. From this it is clear that women are considered as just a machine to produce children. The surprising thing is that instead of mentioning it, Islam and Muslims are being systematically defamed through this film. Muslims should unitedly raise their voice against this film and should ask the government to immediately put a ban on the film.

24 Muslim MPs elected to Lok Sabha

Mumbai Urdu News (June 5) states that 24 Muslim MPs have been elected in the Lok Sabha elections in 2024. Among them, 21 MPs belong to the Opposition INDIA alliance. Seven Muslims have been elected on Congress ticket. Whereas, five have been elected on Trinamool Congress ticket, four on Samajwadi Party ticket, three on Indian Union Muslim League ticket and two have been elected on National Conference ticket. This apart, president of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Asaduddin Owaisi, independent MP from Baramulla, Engineer Rashid, and Mohammad Haneefa from Ladakh were also elected, who do not belong to either of the alliance. This way, the total number of

Muslim MPs who were elected was 4.42 percent.

If one talks about the past four decades, the highest number of 49 Muslim MPs were elected in 1980. In 1984, their number came down to 45. After that, the number of Muslim MPs never crossed the figure of 40 and their proportion remained limited to five percent. Whereas as per the Census of 2011, the population of Muslims in the country is approximately 14 percent. As per the data of Lok Sabha secretariat, 25 Muslim MPs were elected to the Lok Sabha in 1952. In 1957, their number got reduced to 23. In 1962, a total of 26 Muslim MPs were elected to the Lok Sabha. In 1967, their number was 28, in 1971 it was 28, in



1977 it was 32, 49 in 1980, 45 in 1984, 33 in 1989, 29 in 1991, 27 in 1996, 28 in 1998, 32 in 1999, 35 in 2004, 28 in 2009, 23 in 2014 and 26 in 2019.

If one talks about the past two Lok Sabha elections, the Congress had fielded 34 Muslim candidates in 2019, out of which four got elected. Similarly, in 2024, the party fielded 19 Muslim candidates, out of which seven emerged victorious. In 2019, the Bahujan Samaj Party fielded 39 Muslim candidates, out of which three got elected. Similarly, in 2024, the party fielded 37 Muslim candidates, but not a single one got elected. In 2019, Trinamool Congress fielded 13 Muslim candidates, out of which four got elected. Whereas in 2024, the party fielded six Muslim candidates, out of which five got elected. In 2019, Samajwadi Party fielded eight Muslim candidates, out of which three got elected. Whereas the party in 2024 fielded four Muslim candidates and all of them got elected. In 2019, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) had fielded nine Muslim candidates, out of which only one won. Whereas in 2024, the party fielded 10 candidates, out of which none won. In 2019, the Communist Party of India had fielded four Muslim candidates and all of them were defeated. In 2024, the party did not field even a single Muslim candidate. In 2019, the Rashtriya Janata Dal had fielded five Muslim candidates and all of

them were defeated. In 2024, the party fielded two Muslim candidates, but none could win. In 2019, Nationalist Congress Party had fielded three Muslim candidates, out of which one won. In the 2024 elections, the party fielded two Muslim candidates and both were defeated. In 2019, the AIADMK fielded three Muslim candidates, but not a single candidate won. In 2024, the party fielded one Muslim candidate, but he also lost. In 2019, the BJP fielded three Muslim candidates and all the three lost. In 2024, the party fielded one Muslim candidate and he lost.

The newspaper claimed that in the recent Lok Sabha elections, many popular Muslim MPs had to face defeat. Among them, the names of Maulana Badruddin Ajmal of AIUDF, Kunwar Danish Ali of Congress, Imtiaz Jaleel of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Omar Abdullah of National Conference and Mehbooba Mufti of PDP are worth mentioning. Apart from this, wife of Late Shahabuddin from Siwan, Hena Shahab, Akhtarul Iman from Kishanganj and Ali Ashraf Fatimi from Madhubani also lost the elections.

The Muslim candidates who won include Asaduddin Owaisi from Hyderabad, Ikara Hasan from Kairana, Imran Masood from Saharanpur, Maulana Mohibullah Nadvi from Rampur, Zia ur Rahman Barq from Sambhal, Afzal Ansari from Gazipur, Yusuf Pathan from



Behrampur, Engineer Rashid from Baramulla, Syed Ruhullah Mehdi from Srinagar, Mian Altaf Ahmed from Anantanag-Rajouri, Mohmad Haneefa from Ladakh, Rakibul Hussain from Dhubri, Khalilur Rahaman from Jangipur, Sajda Ahmed from Uluberia, Abu Taher Khan from Murshidabad, Isha Khan Choudhury from Malda South, Tariq Anwar from Katihar, Mohammad Jawed from Kishanganj, E T Mohammad Bashir from Malappuram, Dr Abdussamad Samadani from Ponnani, Navaskani K from Ramanathapuram, Shafi Parambil from Vadakara, Muhammed Hamdullah Sayeed from Lakshadweep and Haji Nurul Islam from Basirhat. For the first time in the parliamentary history of Bharat, an imam of a masjid, Maulana Mohibbullah Nadvi was elected from Rampur on a Samajwadi Party ticket. Maulana Nadvi is the imam of the Jama Masjid in front of Parliament House.

Siasat (June 14) in its editorial, while expressing concern over the decreasing representation of Muslims in Parliament, said that though the population of Muslims in the country is 15 percent, but their representation in the Parliament is only four percent. This time, there is an increase in the number of Muslim MPs in Congress. Though BJP has emerged as the biggest party in Parliament, but not a single Muslim MP has been elected to the Lok Sabha from that party. The newspaper alleged that after Narendra Modi came to power not only in the Parliament and

Assemblies, Muslims are badly ignored in all aspects of life. The representation of Muslims in Lok Sabha from Assam and Kerala has come down. The reason for this is that the Muslims did not unitedly prepare a strategy during the elections.

Avadhnama (June 14) said that though no Muslim has been elected as an MP from BJP, had any other constituent of the NDA exerted pressure on Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, he would have included some powerful Muslim leader in his cabinet. For example, he has given space to a Sikh leader in his cabinet who had lost the elections. The sympathy of the constituent parties of NDA towards Muslims is just a show-off.

Hindustan (June 13) in its editorial has expressed concern that not a single Muslim has been elected from Maharashtra to the Lok Sabha, but Muslims do not bother about it. When Muslims themselves do not have any feeling on it, then having any expectation from others is like a mirage. They are seeing that Muslims are pulling this chariot of dead horses with all their might to maintain democracy and secularism. Muslims need to understand that nobody will come and put their rights in their lap, instead they need to fight for their rights.

Inquilab (June 13) in its editorial said had Nitish and Naidu wanted, they could have made any Muslim as a minister from their quota by exerting pressure on the Central government. They could win the election later or could be nominated to the Rajya Sabha, but it did not happen. This is being said because these parties describe themselves as friends of minorities. Are their policies limited to their own states? At the Centre, they have lot of other work to do, which are more important than having Muslim friendship. Otherwise, if Modi is there, everything is possible. Only Muslim minister is not possible.

Zafarul Islam Khan elected president of Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat



Hamara Samaj (June 12) states that a general body meeting of All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, comprising nearly 80 organisations of Indian Muslims, was held at Nizamuddin in Delhi. In this meeting, Dr Zafarul Islam Khan was elected as its president for a period of two years. He has been given the power to make amendments to the constitution of the organisation through mutual consent, which will be approved in the next meeting of the Mushawarat. In this meeting, a resolution has been adopted. The resolution expressed satisfaction on the results of the Lok Sabha elections held recently. It has been stated in the resolution that it has become clear from the manner in which the voters rejected the politics of hatred that even today secular elements are in majority in the country and they have full faith in the Constitution. It has been said in the resolution that the Muslims played an important role to save the Constitution and democracy in the recently held elections, hence the secular parties in the country should adopt a clear vision in finding solutions to the problems of Muslims. Only 40 percent people have voted in favour of those who spread hatred in the country. Whereas, 60 percent people rejected the politics of hatred.

In the meeting, the secular political parties have been urged to forget minor

disagreements and get united so that real democracy is established in the country once again. The Mushawarat strongly condemns those elements who want to isolate Muslims from the national stream and are trying to finish them off and urge Muslims to strongly oppose such politics of hatred in the interest of the community. The

resolution has also condemned that some elements are trying to finish off Muslims politically for the past 10 years and are trying to marginalise them in the country's politics. By creating fake issues like cow slaughter, love jihad and conversion, an atmosphere for mob lynching has been created against them.

The resolution expressed satisfaction that the Muslims tolerated all such communal attempts with peace and patience and did not take any such action which would have given the administration an opportunity to harass Muslims in any manner. For Muslims, apart from holding fast to the rope of Allah and referring to Quran, they should also try to ensure that an all-round development of Muslims take place. This includes both education and business. The Mushawarat has appealed to Muslims that in order to stop the growing atrocities of the government, they take legal help and come together to help victims.

In another resolution, the Israeli aggression and massacre in Gaza has been condemned and said that Muslim nations have become mute spectators in this matter. This stand by yours is strongly condemnable.

Sahafat (June 12) states that it is worth mentioning that Mohammad Adeeab

(former MP), Abdul Khalek (Assam), Khwaja Mohammed Shahid (Uttar Pradesh), Dr Basir Ahmad Khan (Uttar Pradesh), Abdul Aziz (Kolkata), Uzma Naheed (Mumbai), Mufti Aatur Rahman Kazmi (Delhi), Masoom Muradabadi (Delhi), Professor Mohammad Suleman (Kanpur), Kamal Farooqi (Delhi), Mohammad Wazir Ansari (Madhya Pradesh), Dr Syed Mehrul Hasan (Bhopal), Qazi Zainus Sajidin (Meerut), Professor Arshi Khan (Aligarh), Kausar Usman (Lucknow), Nadeem Siddiqui (Faizabad), Haseeb Ahmad (Madhya Pradesh) Abdul Bathin (Assam), Shabeeh Ahmad (Delhi), Abrar Ahmad Makki, Shahid Sharif Sheikh (Mumbai), Akhlaq Hussain Chishti (Rajasthan), Hafiz Mansoor Ali Khan (Jaipur), Mohammad Iqbal Zafar (Bihar), Maulana Saudul Hassan Nadvi (Gazipur), Sikandar Hayat Khan (Mau), Mohammad Jamilur Rahman (Malerkotla), Sayed Tahseen Ahmad (Hyderabad), Dr Sayyid Ahmad Khan (Chennai), Suhail Anjum (Delhi) and Dr Javed Ahmad (Delhi) took part in the meeting.

Background: As far as All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat is concerned, majority of our readers are not aware of their background. Hence it is necessary to give a detailed account on it. In 1963, a massive riots broke out in Kolkata, Jamshedpur and Rourkela. Following this, in a meeting held in Kolkata, different Muslim leaders in the country took a decision that in order to find solution to the problems being faced by Muslims in the country, various Muslim organisations in the country shall be brought together on a single platform. Following this, in August 1964, a meeting of representatives of more than 100 Muslim organisations was held at Darul Uloom Nadwa located in Lucknow. In this meeting, representatives of different Muslim sects and organisations came together on one platform. They included organisations like Ahle Sunnat, Deobandi, Bareilvi, Ahle Hadis, Shia, Bohra, Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, Jamaat-e-Islami, Emarat-e-Shariah, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen, Tamir-e-Millat and Indian

Union Muslim League. This meeting was presided over by the then head of Darul Uloom Nadwa, Maulana Abul Hasan Nadwi.

It is being said that the Congress did not like the formation of this organisation. The opinion of Congress high command was that formation of a different organisation for Muslims is against the interests of Congress. This is the reason why former Union Minister Syed Mahmood and many other leaders linked to Congress resigned from this organisation due to pressure from Congress high command. Congress-supported Muslim organisation Jamiat Ulema had also announced its decision to remain separate from this organisation. The leaders of Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat urged Abul Hasan Nadwi that he accept the chairmanship of this organisation, but he refused. On his request, an old leader of Jamiat Ulema, Mufti Atiqur Rahman Usmani, was appointed as the president of Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat.

There were serious differences among the constituents of this organisation over it taking part in politics. Following this, a leader of a constituent linked to this organisation, Dr Abdul Jalil Faridi, announced the formation of a new political organisation in the name of Muslim Majlis on June 2, 1967. The Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat tried to ensure that various Muslim organisations field a joint candidate in the Lok Sabha elections, but the effort did not succeed as they failed to reach on a consensus on the issue. In 1978, a conference of Mushawarat took place in Delhi. The meeting discussed various issues faced by Muslims like increasing influence of RSS, communal riots, minority status of Aligarh Muslim University etc. Earlier, as soon as Emergency was declared, the general secretary of Mushawarat, Yousuf Siddiqui was arrested and sent to Ambala jail. He died in jail itself. In 1979, Maulana Ahmad Ali Qasmi was made the new general secretary of Mushawarat. Meanwhile, Mufti Atiqur Rahman passed away in 1982. In order to

run the day-to-day affairs of Mushawarat, two vice-chairmen Sheikh Zulfikar Ullah and Syed Shahabuddin were appointed. Mushawarat had urged the chairman of Jamaat-e-Islami Maulana Abul Lais Islahi that he take over as the chairperson of Mushawarat, but he was not ready for it.

In 1983, communal riots broke out in Nellie in Assam. Following this, the archaeological department of India government had banned namaz in those masjids which are under the control of archaeological department. Mushawarat opposed this. Syed Shahabuddin became the working president of Mushawarat during this time. In October 1990, the government of then Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh issued an ordinance and took control of Babri Masjid and the land belonging to the Kabristan belonging to it. The Mushawarat strongly opposed this. In 1992, some people belonging to Mushawarat formed a parallel organisation named Milli Council. This has dealt a major blow to Majlis-e-Mushawarat. In February 1993, a decision was taken to reconstitute the Mushawarat, but the effort did not succeed. In 1995, the chairman of Mushawarat, Syed Shahabuddin, wrote a letter to the founder of this organisation Maulana Abdul Hasan Nadwi, in which he stated that the organisation with the name Mushawarat has ceased to exist. The organisation that is being run now is an illegal one and it is being run by Zulfikar Ullah, Maulana Ahmad Ali Qasmi and Mohammad Kazmi. Shahabuddin alleged that the fund collected for restoration of Babri Masjid has been used for the expenses of Mushawarat in an unfair manner. In 1995, serious charges of misappropriation of funds were made against each other.

On November 18, 1995, a meeting of Mushawarat was called in which 47 out of the 68 members of Mushawarat took part. In this meeting, Maulana Salim Qasmi was



elected as the new president of Mushawarat. Whereas Shafi Younis of Jamaat-e-Islami was made the general secretary. Maulana Junaid Ahmad Banarasi was made treasurer and Asaduddin Owaisi was made the secretary. Later, the Mushawarat got divided into two parallel organisations. Maulana Salim Qasmi became the president of one organisation and Syed Shahabuddin became the president of the other organisation. In June 2000, Syed Shahabuddin claimed he was elected the president of Mushawarat, but some other people alleged that the elections were held in an unfair manner and Syed Shahabuddin became president through manipulation. In 2013, an effort was made to bring the two groups together and Syed Shahabuddin announced his resignation from the post of president. In a press conference held in Delhi, an announcement was made that in future the president of Mushawarat would be Dr Zafarul Islam Khan. Whereas Maulana Salim Qasmi has been announced as the chairman of supreme guidance council.

As far as Zafarul Islam Khan is concerned, he is the former chairman of Delhi Minorities Commission. He was born in Azamgarh in 1948. He is the son of renowned Islamic thinker Maulana Wahiduddin Khan. His primary education was in an Islamic madrasa in Azamgarh. Later he received higher education from Darul Uloom Nadwa and the renowned university in Islamic world, Al Azhar University. He also got a PhD degree from Manchester University in UK.

Afghan citizens expelled from different countries



Inquilab (June 6) reports that an Afghan citizen in Germany knifed to death a German police officer. Now this incident has taken a serious turn. Following this incident, clashes took place between police and Afghan citizens in several parts of Germany. More than two dozen police officials were injured in these incidents. Now the German government has decided to expel Afghan citizens from the country. Germany's interior minister Nancy Faeser told journalists that it is very much necessary to expel those people from the country who have failed to assimilate themselves with our social system and have become a threat to the security of Germany. It is being said that the German government has decided to expel more than 550 Afghan citizens from the country and send them back to Afghanistan.

Recently, in Germany's western city of Mannheim, a Muslim mob had attacked anti-Islam protesters. When the police tried to stop the attackers, the Afghan citizens attacked them with knives. In this attack, a police officer died on the spot and many police officers were injured. Many anti-Islam protesters were also injured in this attack.

Siasat (June 12) states that the Afghanistan government has alleged that

Afghan citizens are being forcibly expelled from Pakistan and Iran. A commission has been set up to rehabilitate these Afghan citizens in Afghanistan. Spokesperson of this commission Qari Yusuf Ahmadi has alleged that in the first five months of this year more than four lakh Afghan citizens have been forcibly sent to Afghanistan from Pakistan and Iran. Among them, 75 percent of the Afghanistan citizens were expelled from Pakistan. He said that they were doing every possible effort to settle these Afghan citizens in their own country, but there are difficulties in doing so due to financial constraints. Ahmadi has alleged that those Afghan citizens who have been forcibly expelled from these two countries had legal passport and visa with them. On the other hand, Pakistan and Iran governments claimed that those Afghan citizens who do not have legal passport and visa are being expelled from their countries.

It is to be noted that first Pakistan had decided to expel Afghan citizens from the country. Special military contingents had been constituted to carry out this work. These military teams raided different cities in Pakistan and identified the Afghan citizens staying there and they were taken to detention camps. Following this, they

were being sent to Afghanistan. Pakistan and Iran had also made this allegation that these Afghan citizens are involved in terrorist activities in their country. This apart, they are also involved in the smuggling of drugs. Recently, Iran and Pakistan closed their borders with Afghanistan using barbed wire and made a huge increase in the deployment of security forces in the border regions so that illegal infiltration from Afghanistan is stopped.

Taasir (June 12) states that Pakistani security forces have arrested 85 Afghan



citizens on charges of trying to illegally enter the Pakistani border in Quetta. According to Pakistani newspaper 'Dawn,' these people do not have passport or visa.

Maldives ban entry of Israelis

Hindustan Express (June 4) states that Maldives has imposed a ban on Israeli passport holders from entering the country. The Maldives government has taken this decision in protest against Israeli attack on Palestinian citizens in Gaza. According to the spokesperson, Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu has issued a special decree in this connection. This apart, President Muizzu also launched a national fund collection drive named 'Resident of Maldives in solidarity with Palestine.' The money which will be collected through this fund will be sent to the people of Palestine. According to government sources, last year 11,000 Israeli citizens had visited Maldives.

Whereas in the first four months of this year, only 528 Israeli citizens visited Maldives. On behalf of the Opposition party of Maldives and the ruling alliance, pressure had been regularly exerted on President Muizzu that a ban should be imposed on Israeli citizens from entering Maldives in protest against the Israeli attack on Palestinians.

It is to be noted that there was a ban on entry of Israelis in Maldives till 1990.



Later, this ban was lifted. A spokesperson of Israeli foreign affairs ministry said we had directed all Israeli citizens staying in Maldives that they immediately return to the native country, because they are no longer secure there. It would not be possible for Israel to extend help to Israelis in Maldives. It is being said that Algeria, Bangladesh, Brunei, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen have also imposed a ban on the entry of Israeli passport holders.

Etemaad (June 4) in its editorial has welcomed the ban imposed by Maldives on Israeli citizens from entering the country. The newspaper congratulated Maldives for imposing the ban in support of Islamic countries around the world. It is to be noted that Maldives got independence from the slavery of Britain in 1965. Maldives is the smallest nation in Asia from the point of view of population. Nearly 99 percent population of the country are Sunni Muslims. The newspaper said that in spite of protests from countries across the world, Israel attacked a camp in Rafah and had declared to finish off the last bastion of

Hamas. Rafah is a city located in southern Gaza on Egyptian border. In Rafah, more than 15 lakh Palestinian refugees have taken shelter. Recently, Israeli Army had stepped up its attack on Rafah.

The newspaper has expressed satisfaction that Maldives had imposed a complete ban on Israeli products. It has announced that Maldives will not enter into any kind of trade relationship with Israel in future. The newspaper said that every year 10 lakh tourists visit Maldives and tourism is the backbone of Maldives' economy. Till now, average 15,000 Israeli citizens visit Maldives every year.

Seven soldiers killed in bomb blast in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



Urdu Times (June 11) states that seven Pakistani soldiers, including a senior officer, were killed in a suicide attack on a vehicle in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in Pakistan near its Afghanistan border. The public relations department of Pakistani Army has confirmed this attack. As per a government statement, this attack took place in Lakki Marwat district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, while expressing condolences on the attack, said that government is committed to eliminating

terrorism. After this attack, the Army launched a special military campaign in the entire area and took several terrorists into custody. Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi said that the hands of banned terrorist organisation Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) could be

behind this attack. He alleged that Afghanistan's territory is being used to spread terrorism in Pakistan. Kundi said that we had drawn the attention of Afghan government towards this, but despite that they have not taken any credible step to stop the terrorists. Due to this, tension has arisen in the relationship between the two countries. According to government sources in Pakistan, terrorists carried out 28 suicide attacks on Pakistani Army last year. In these attacks, a total of 276 Pakistani soldiers were killed.

United Nations lifts travel ban on four Taliban leaders



Hamara Samaj (June 9) states that the United Nations Security Council has announced to lift the ban on foreign travel imposed on prominent Taliban leaders in Afghanistan. On whom the ban has been lifted include the four prominent ministers of Afghanistan namely Abdul Kabir Mohammad Jaan (Deputy Prime Minister), Abdul Haq Wasiq (director of intelligence wing) Noor Muhammad Sakib (Minister for Haj affairs) and Sirajuddin Haqqani (Interior Minister). The ban has been lifted so that these Afghan leaders could go for Haj this year. It is to be noted that the US has kept these four leaders in the list of terrorists and there is a ban on them from entering the United States. Recently, these Taliban leaders visited United Arab Emirates and met the President of the country, Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan. It looks like that now the US is softening its policy towards Taliban. The US wants to increase its contact with Afghanistan on strategic and diplomatic matters.

It is to be noted that the United Nations, European Union and the US have included more than two dozen ministers and officials in the black list and there is a ban on their entry in foreign countries. The Afghan government had demanded the United Nations several times to lift these ban, but these sanctions were not removed till now. The US had announced a reward of one crore dollars for the arrest of Sirajuddin Haqqani. Whereas Abdul Haq Wasiq were incarcerated in the Guantanamo Bay jail in the United States. He was released in 2014 in exchange for some American hostages. In a special interview given to US television channel 'CNN' in Mecca, Sirajuddin Haqqani said that Taliban wants to improve its relationship with the US and they would welcome any kind of initiative in this connection. According to Arab media, Saudi Arabia's Deputy Foreign Minister had welcomed these Taliban leaders at Jeddah airport.

Punishment over insult to Prophet in Indonesia



Hindustan (June 14) states that a comedian has been given a punishment of seven months' imprisonment on charges of insulting the Prophet in Indonesia. As per media reports, a comedian named Aulia Rakhman at Sumatra state in Indonesia has cracked a joke in which he had made fun of the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. As per reports, Rakhman had said in lighter vein that in Indonesia the word Muhammad is attached with the name of every person with the intention of showing respect, but people are usually unable to maintain the respect. In the Constitution of Indonesia, there is a provision to award rigorous

imprisonment to those who insult the Prophet of Islam. Since Rakhman, while admitting his mistake, sought clemency from the court on the matter, the government lawyer demanded that his punishment period shall be kept at eight months, which the court in turn reduced to seven months.

It is to be noted that in several Islamic countries in the world, there is a provision to award punishment ranging from death sentence to life-term in jail to those who insult the Prophet and Quran. This apart, the accused will be given public lashes as punishment as per Shariah. ■

UNSC passes resolution for ceasefire in Gaza



Sahafat (June 12) states that the United Nations Security Council has adopted a resolution seeking ceasefire in Gaza. The resolution has been moved at the behest of United States. According to Dawn News, out of the total 15 member-nations of United Nations Security Council, 14 members supported the resolution. Whereas Russia did not take part in the voting. In this resolution moved by the United States, stress was laid on the need for the two sides to talk to each other during which the ceasefire will remain in force. The Palestine representative in the United Nations has described the resolution as a positive step in the right direction. Supporting this, Hamas also said it supports a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, total withdrawal of Israeli army from Gaza and is against any kind of change in the ratio of population in Gaza. Hamas also wants the victims of war to be extended help on humanitarian basis. According to the newspaper, this proposal envisages a three-stage approach. The first, release of hostages and exchange of prisoners. Second, total withdrawal of Israeli soldiers from Gaza and third, efforts for reconstruction of Gaza.

Commenting on this resolution, Russia said that no clarification has been

given in this resolution by the United States regarding a permanent ceasefire. It is to be noted that US President Joe Biden has asked Hamas to accept this proposal. He said that this was a golden opportunity to end this war and we can't lose it. The US President said that in return for the ceasefire, Hamas should release all Israeli hostages and exchange the prisoners. He said that after the ceasefire, people will be extended help and Israeli soldiers will completely withdraw from the populated regions of Gaza.

Inquilab (June 13) states that a joint delegation of Hamas and Islamic Jihad met Qatar Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani. The delegation presented their terms in writing regarding the resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council. The three intermediary countries of Egypt, Qatar and the US also confirmed this. The spokesperson of Hamas said that we have indicated our terms regarding the US resolution to the mediating countries. Among them, the first condition is to remove all Israeli soldiers from Gaza and send them back to their previous positions. The second condition is to make the ceasefire a permanent one instead of being temporary. The third condition is that in the

recent war, whichever Palestinians became homeless in Gaza, they should be given rehabilitation facilities.

It is to be noted that Israel is not ready to accept these conditions till now. The Israel government said it would withdraw its soldiers only from some specific areas and its Army will remain deployed in other regions of Gaza. This

apart, Israel is not ready for a permanent ceasefire. Israel also stressed that only those people will be given rehabilitation facilities in Gaza, who are elderly, women and orphaned children. The other Palestinians will not be rehabilitated to their previous houses. For them, the Palestine government has to make alternative arrangements.

Nearly 1,500 Hajis die due to extreme heat



As per a report in Al Jazeera, all the arrangements made by the Saudi government to deal with extreme heat during the Haj have totally failed. According to Saudi Haj ministry, this year approximately 1,500 Hajis had lost their lives due to extreme heat. The number of Indian Hajis among them is said to be nearly 100.

Urdu Times (June 10) states that the Saudi Arabian government has expelled more than three lakh people from Mecca who have arrived for Haj without the mandatory registration. Along with this, the Saudi security forces have taken into custody 1.17 lakh citizens who were staying in Mecca without permit. The Saudi government took this decision so that the stampede that took place in Mina in 2015 shall not occur again. The Haj has started in Saudi Arabia. More than 22 lakh Haj pilgrims from across the world have arrived in Mecca to perform Haj. This apart, an announcement has been made about the cancellation of Haj permit of

4,000 Haj yatris. The Saudi government had to take this step because these Hajis did not take various vaccinations which they were supposed to take. The Saudi security agencies have announced that the Hajis have to keep the 'nusuk' cards with them round-the-clock. If this digital card is found not available with any Haji, he will not be given permission to do Haj and he will be arrested. This apart, he will also have to pay a fine of 10,000 Riyals.

Urdu Times (June 6) reports that 18 people who violated the Haj rules have been arrested, which also included five Saudi citizens. They tried to bring 28 people in an illegal manner to Mecca. The three vehicles which were used to bring them have also been seized. These people will be given rigorous jail term and fine as punishment. Experts had warned about extreme heat during this year's Haj, and hence air-conditioner facilities were provided in the accommodations made for Hajis. This apart, roads were given white colour paint so that the effect of the scorching sun is reduced and the Hajis do not feel any difficulty on walking on foot. The Saudi government claims that due to this painting, there is a reduction of 15 degrees Celsius in the temperature. As per a report of Saudi news agency 'Al Arabia' 20,000 barbers were issued permit to tonsure the head of the Hajis and one lakh taxis have also been arranged. In order to

facilitate Hajis, bilinguals who know 128 languages have also been deployed.

Urdu Times (June 8) states that the manager of Mecca and Masjid-e-Nabawi, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais said that since Hajis are coming in huge numbers this year, and the climate is also very hot, it is necessary that the *namaz* and *khutba* are done in an abridged form so that Hajis do not face any kind of difficulties.

Urdu Times (June 10) states that an announcement has been made to run special trains for the convenience of Hajis. Its speed will be 80 kilometre per hour and it will cover the distance between Mina and Arafat in 20 minutes. All these trains run on electricity and these were brought from abroad by the Saudi government.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 10) states that the Saudi security forces have taken into custody more than 4 lakh foreigners and kept them in detention camps. These foreigners do not have the visa for Haj with them. This apart, more than two lakh foreigners have also been taken into custody who have arrived in Saudi Arabia on a tourist visa from different countries in the world.

Inquilab (June 14) states that a ban on entry of vehicles has been imposed in Mecca, Medina and other places related to Haj. In these places, only those vehicles will be allowed entry which have the special sticker on them.

Etemaad (June 12) states that transportation facilities would be made available for Hajis round-the-clock. A total ban has been imposed on the entry of motorcycles in Mecca, Medina and other places. Director of public security in Saudi Arabia has announced that more than 200 managers of fake Haj companies who brought fake Hajis have been arrested. Majority of them are Saudi Arabian citizens. Saudi security agencies have so far identified 140 fake Haj companies.



Inquilab (June 14) states that this time the *khutba* of the Haj would be broadcast in over 50 world languages. It includes Urdu as well. This apart, the *khutba* of Haj would be broadcast in languages like French, English, Persian, Russian, Turkish, Chinese, Punjabi, Pashto, Malay, Swahili, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Swedish, Italian, Malayalam, Filipino etc. More than 1.5 billion people from across the world would be able to listen to the *khutba* of the Haj. Before this, no other programme was broadcast simultaneously in so many languages in the history of the world.

Urdu Times (June 11) states that the Saudi Central Bank has made special arrangements to provide banking facilities to Haj pilgrims arriving from world over. The Haj yatris would be able to use the international banking cards of different countries. According to Al Arabia, arrangements have been made for 110 mobile banking branches across the country for Haj yatris. All the bank branches will remain open even during Eid holidays. The Saudi Central Bank has also made arrangements for 1,220 ATM centres. This includes 633 in Mecca, 568 in Medina and the rest of the centres set up in other places related to Haj. They would accept the ATM card issued through Visa card, Mastercard, Unionpay, Discover, American Express and Gulf payment company Afaq Network. This apart, the Saudi Central Bank has made arrangements to provide notes and coins worth up to 5 billion Riyals in its branches located in Jeddah, Mecca and Medina so that no Haji would face any

banking troubles. Permission has been given to women and handicapped persons to use e-scooter.

Urdu Times (June 12) states that the Saudi government has taken the service of

foreign experts to identify communicable diseases. Spokesperson of Saudi's health ministry said that most modern equipment and laboratories have been set up for the purpose.

Corruption at its peak in Saudi Arabia



Roznama Sahara (June 15) states that the Saudi military has started an investigation into the collapse of several residential buildings in Jeddah. It is being said that the investigations conducted so far have indicated that poor quality material were used in the construction of these houses. The Governor of Jeddah has handed over the responsibility to conduct a probe in this connection to the Anti-Corruption Authority. It is being said that these buildings were constructed through a contractor from Yemen. An under-secretary of Saudi government, Firaz Hani Jamal, issued a notice and directed to the company constructing the buildings to immediately stop the construction work. Later, a few employees of engineering department extracted an amount of 50,000 Riyals from the contractor and granted permission for construction of the building. In this connection, 15 government employees have been arrested on charges of corruption. It is to be noted that eight persons were killed in this accident and 12 others were injured.

Mumbai Urdu News (June 8) states that the anti-corruption authority of Saudi government has claimed that cases have

been registered against 3,124 people on charges of corruption. They were accused of taking bribe, indulging in corruption, misuse of government position, money laundering and forgery. A total of 1,511 people were arrested on charges of forgery. According to Al Arabia.com, 5,235 people were arrested in the past three years under the anti-corruption drive that has been launched on the directions of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman. In order to detect financial and administrative corruption, a special wing has been created, which keeps an eye on all government and private institutions. Intelligence sources are trying to find out whether government funds were utilized for personal gain or to give unfair advantage to any person. This apart, this wing will keep surveillance on the activities of all officials round-the-clock.

For the past three years, this department conducted an investigation into 28,000 issues so that corruption associated with public work contracts, activities of public welfare department, and financial agreements signed with foreigners could be eliminated. Last year, this wing received 47,000 secret reports related to corruption.



doing a close scrutiny of these reports. The government claimed that due to the good work of anti-corruption authority there is a constant increase in the number of reports related to corruption. Till now, the authority has received 1,65,526 reports, out of which 47,000 are of serious in nature. The rest of the reports are being closely examined so that stringent legal action could be taken against corrupt elements.

The highest number of corruption reports have come from Riyadh. The experts are

examined so that stringent legal action could be taken against corrupt elements.

USA to supply military aircraft to Turkiye



Inqilab (June 15) states that the defence ministry of Turkiye has signed a deal to purchase F-16 fighter aircraft from the US. Under this agreement, Turkiye will get 40 new F-16 fighter planes, whose worth will be 23 billion dollars. Meanwhile, 79 old aircraft will be upgraded as well. It is being said that talks were being held in this connection between the two countries for some time now, but since Turkiye was opposing the inclusion of Sweden in NATO alliance, the US did not approve this deal. The issue had been left pending for the past one year.

It is to be noted that in the beginning of this year, the US state department had

indicated to the President that the intention of the US is to sell the most modern F-16 fighters to Turkiye. Meanwhile, the President has also been informed about the deal to sell 40 F-35 fighter jets worth 8.6 billion dollars to Greece. It is said that Turkiye's demand was that the US should not grant permission to include Sweden in the NATO alliance, because Sweden is extending help to Ukraine. This apart, the Sweden's stand is also anti-Islam and recently they made several laws against Islam and Muslims. Now, due to pressure from the US, Turkiye has decided to make some changes in its policy, due to which this agreement became possible.

Islamic terrorists kill 55 people in Somalia

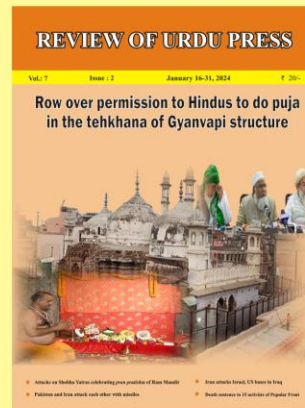
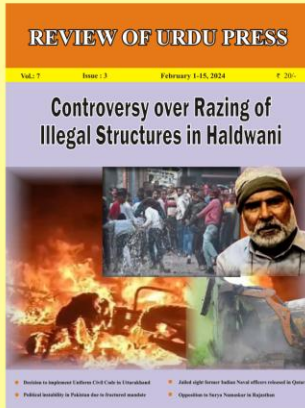
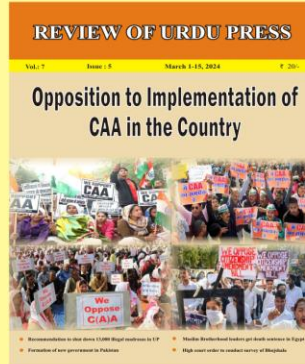
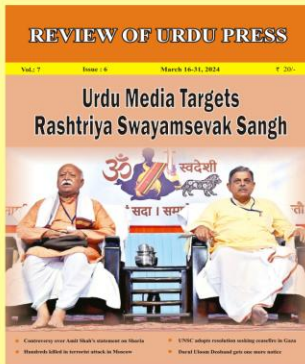
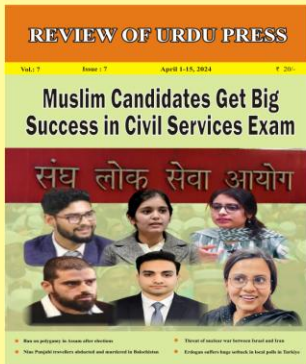
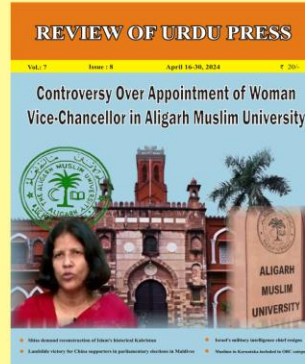
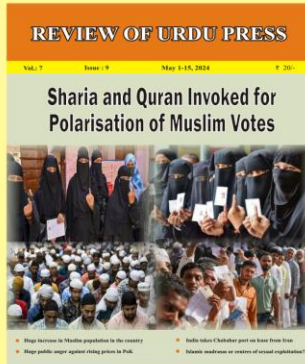
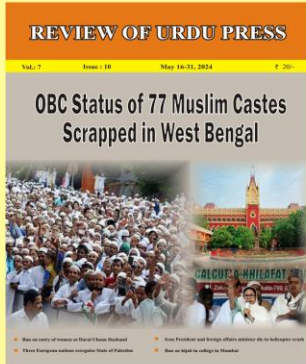


Sahafat (June 11) states that Islamic terrorist organisation Al-Shabab, linked to Al Qaida, has killed at least 55 people in Central Somalia. More than 200 people were injured in this attack. According to British news agency 'Reuters,' the federal government of Somalia has directed the Army to step up its military campaign against Al-Shabab. The situation has further worsened after an armed conflict erupted between two tribes on the Horn of Africa over water and land. The head of one tribe, Farah Noor, said that the Al-Shabab, in order to evict Marehan tribe from their land, have launched a massive attack on the villages belonging to their tribe. This activity has been taking place

for the past three months, and so far more than 300 people from both sides have been killed. He alleged that the government soldiers, instead of taking strong action against the terrorists of Al-Shabab, are ignoring their activities due to which the situation is taking a serious turn day by day and

the war has spread to other regions as well.

An official of a hospital located in Herale city said that so many bodies had been dumped in his hospital that they were facing huge difficulty in burying them. He said the speed with which bodies were coming from different localities, we did not have enough employees to conduct the post-mortem. The Governor of Galmudug said the hands of terrorist organisation Al-Shabab, linked to Al Qaida, are behind this war. Al-Shabab is regularly supplied weapons and financial aid from foreign sources. Due to this, the government soldiers have not been able to wipe out this Islamic terrorist organisation so far. ■



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