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Summary

Maulana Masood Madani belonging to one of the most influential Muslim families of the country has been sent to jail on rape charges. Madani family has been dominating Congress politics from the past 100 years. The Congress has been using this family to reap political dividends till the recent days. Father of Masood had been Rajya Sabha MP for over two decades and his elder brother was also a Rajya Sabha member. Masood Madani might not have been imagined that hands of law could reach him also.

Elections in the five states have been a major talking point for the Urdu newspapers. Analysts concluded that Muslims themselves are responsible for division of their votes in the country. Modi Tsunami in Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections actually reduced the number of Muslim members in state Assembly. In the 2012 Assembly 64 Muslims were elected while this time round their number has gone down to 24. Whenever elections are scheduled in Uttar Pradesh Muslim politicians campaign that they are campaigning with a certain strategy. Now, the confusion over Muslim vote bank has been removed in the recent Assembly elections. Modi wave forced the concept of Muslim vote bank to bite the dust.

Vande Matram is national song of the country but a particular community of the country fails to digest this national song. No one knows that why this song appears to be against Islam. This song depicts salutation of mother land. Has loving mother land anti-Islamic? In a recent meeting of Meerut Municipal Corporation eight Muslim councilors refused to sing Vande Matram and the moment song started playing they walked out of the house. The same drama was repeated at Municipal Corporation of Allahabad. Strange thing is that Muslim religious organizations are adding fuel to fire.

Some people are causing ruckus over the campaign started by the newly appointed chief minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Aadityanath against illegal abattoirs. However state health minister Sidharth Nath Singh made it clear that the move was against illegal abattoirs and such abattoirs that did not have licenses. Abattoirs having licenses need not worry. Some selfish elements are unnecessarily instigating butchers. Muslims leaders have been claiming all these days that beef trade was being done by non-Muslims. But the way Muslims are causing hue and cry their claims appears to hollow. This campaign proved one thing that despite legal ban on cow slaughter, cow was being killed illegally in the state. However it was banned in way back 1956. It is a matter of great happiness that chief of Ajmer Sharief mausoleum issued a statement recently demanding ban on sale of cow meet and it should be legally banned so communal harmony prevails in the country.

I

Rapist Teacher of Darul Uloom Deoband

Commotion has yet not stopped after Madni scion Maulana Masood Madani was arrested on rape charges.

According to **Hindustan Express** (April 1), people belonging to different organizations tried to take him out of vehicle when the police took the rape accused to Deoband to produce before the court. Masood Madani claimed that his life was in danger. Jail administration has been instructed that it must strengthen security arrangements around Madani. This is to recall that Masood Madani is younger brother of former MP and general secretary of Jamiat Ulama e Hind Mehmood Madani. He is a teacher at Darul Uloom, Deoband.

Most of the Urdu newspapers either did not publish report about Madani or publish as a single column report while reports on demonstration on his arrest were published prominently. Senior superintendent of police of Saharanpur Love Kumar confirmed that Madani was arrested on complains of a teacher from Haryana who accused him of rape. This woman belongs to Haryana and lives in Jeend district. In a statement given to the police, this woman said that when she was unable to conceive a baby someone suggested consulting Masood Madani for tantric treatment. She said that she was married for six years but she was unable to conceive a baby. Some people at the mausoleum suggested her to meet Maulana Madni. After that she and her husband met Maulana Madani. The woman said that Madni called her at his residence to perform tantric process where the woman was given intoxicating things. She was raped when she fell unconscious. SSP said that rape was confirmed after medical examination and Madani was arrested.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (April 4), the police arrested gram pradhan of a nearby village Tehda Ravindra Chaudhary on charges of attacking Madani. As per the police, this person was involved on the attack of Madani. On the other hand supporters of Madani alleged that the police failed to arrest culprits.

As per another news report, president of Saharanpur district BJP Gajraj Singh Rana demanded the government that organizations like Darul Uloom, Deoband and Jamiat Ulama e Hind must be closed because they are instigating people in the name of religion. He said that Darul Uloom and other Muslim organizations have very old history of such activities but government was not taking any action due to Muslim appeasement. Masood Madani is a former minister and he wields influence around.

According to Hindi newspaper **Dainik Bhaskar** (March 19), grandson of famous Muslim leader Late Mohammad Hussain Madani and former minister in the Uttarakhand government led by Narayan Datt Tiwari Maulana Masood Madani was sent to jail for raping a 26-year-old woman. This woman had lodged a complaint at Deoband Kotwali. According to the police, this childless woman alleged

that while she was seeking blessings to bear a child she met Madani who assured that with the tantric process she would bear a child. After that she was deceived, raped and a video was also made.

According to Hindi **Dainik Amar Ujala** (March 19), the woman belonging to Safedo of Jeend district told the police that when she did not bear a child after six years of her marriage she visited Dargah Piran Kaliar Shah near Roorkee on March 9. She met a person there who had suggested meeting Maulana Masood. He gave mobile number of Maulana Masood and her husband contacted Maulana Masood. Maulana Masood called her and her husband to a mausoleum. She stayed at Madani's residence in the night and next day had gone to Haryana. After that on March 16, she reached Madani alone. She alleged that Madani took her to his residence at Talhedi Chunki and raped her several times.

II

Enemy property worth billions under government control

According to **Dainik Inquilab** (March 16), Lok Sabha passed the Enemy Property Bill which was already passed from the Rajya Sabha. This bill was pending in Parliament from very long time but could not be passed. Some amendments to the 1968 Enemy Property Act 1968 was made. After the amendment was made in this bill, such people who had left for either Pakistan or China their successors would not have any right over properties left behind. When this bill was passed from the Rajya Sabha opposition walked out opposing the provisions of the bill. Earlier Congress MP Jairam Ramesh and two other Samajwadi Party members Javed Ali Khan and S S Rai opposed it demanding the matter to be discussed next week because none of the important members were present in the house. But the government refused their proposal and bill was passed with voice vote. Union finance minister Arun Jaitly said that the government would take control over the properties left behind by people taking citizenship of Pakistan or China. Successors of these people would not have any right over these properties.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (March 16), long-pending Enemy Property Bill has been finally approved by Parliament. Some important families will be impacted by this bill. This bill might not have any impact on any other state but Uttar Pradesh will definitely have its impact. Enemy property is such property whose owners migrated to either Pakistan or China. It is clear that most of the people migrating to Pakistan belong to Uttar Pradesh and they are rich people. As per an assessment, there are around 519 such properties in Uttar Pradesh that comes under provision of this law which is worth Rs one lakh crore. Introducing the bill, Union home minister Rajnath Singh argued that since Pakistan confiscated properties of Indians coming from there so confiscating properties that had gone to Pakistan was not illegal and not violation of human rights. Raja Mehmoodabad would be the worst impacted of enemy property law who has 936 properties across Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. After this bill becomes a law, proprietary rights of successors over these properties would end. It is also said that properties of Saif Ali Khan in Bhopal and other places would also be impacted. Grandmother of Saif Ali Khan Shahjada Sultan Begum was daughter of nawab of Bhopal Hamidullah Khan. Elder

daughter Abida Sultan was migrated to Pakistan in 1950 so the entire property was transferred to Shahzada Sultan Begum. However, lawyer of Pataudi family is saying that this law would not impact Pataudi family. When Enemy Property Act 1968 was amended it was impacted Raja Mehmoodabad maximum but Raja filed a petition in high court and as per the ruling of the Supreme Court in 2005, the government had to give up its control over these properties. The government issued an ordinance in this regard in 2010 against that Raja Mehmoodabad moved the Supreme Court. Lawyer of Raja Mehmoodabad argued that this was violation of article 14 and 21. The matter is pending with the court. Father of the present Raja of Mehmoodabad had gone to Pakistan in 1967 while his wife Kaneej Abida and he remained in India. After war with China in 1962 and Pakistan in 1965, the Indian government constituted special department for enemy property. When father of Raja died in 1973 property was succeeded by Raja.

According to **Dainik Inquilab** (March 16), around 16 thousand properties worth lakhs of rupees will be captured by the Centre once this bill is passed. Once this bill is passed and the new law is made, nawabs, jagirdars and successors of people leaving for Pakistan would be impacted. Enemy Property Bill, 1968 has been amended. This is to recall that the BJP issued an ordinance after coming to power but when the bill was sent to joint committee of Parliament it became inapplicable. This is to recall that after India-Pakistan war in 1965 this was for the first time introduced and as per this law properties of people migrating to Pakistan and China would be taken care of by the government. As per the data from the office of the custodians of the enemy property, there are around 16,000 such properties in India which is worth lakhs of crores of rupees. These properties are situated in Mumbai, Bhopal, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Hyderabad, Telengana and West Bengal.

This is to recall that a scholar from Baghdad came to India in 1316 and he fought with the Tughlaq Army. He was offered a jagir in Awadh and this was called Mehmoodabad. Nawab of Mehmoodabad Amir Ahmed Khan migrated to Pakistan in 1957 but his wife along with their son stayed back. There are around 936 properties belonging to them that come under this law. Nawab of Mehmoodabad fighting the case in the court said that they were Indian citizens and had never gone to Pakistan therefore their ancestral property couldn't be called enemy property. Similarly Kamruddin of Telengana will also have to bear huge losses because he has 600 acres land near airport and several other properties in Mumbai and Thane.

III

Urdu media and Assembly elections in five states

Siyasat on March 13 wrote that the BJP succeeded in Uttar Pradesh by dividing Muslim votes. The newspaper reported that Muslim women voted the BJP on the issue of triple talaq. The newspaper claimed that Muslims did not vote for the BJP but to confuse Muslim women the BJP uploaded pictures of burqa clad women celebrating victory of the BJP on social media. The newspaper wrote that Muslims leaders themselves were responsible for the division of their votes who had fielded several Muslim candidates in Muslim majority areas despite having no base in the area. The newspaper

claimed that on one hand Muslim votes were divided on the other hand Hindu votes were polarized. Pictures uploaded on the social media celebrating Muslim women the BJP victory were forged.

According to a news report published in **Siyasat** (March 15), people started openly revolting against leaders of Majlish e Ittehadul Musalmin. They alleged that this Muslim organisation fielded candidates by aligning with the BJP which caused defeat of Muslim candidates and the BJP candidates have won. According to the newspaper, Muslims have burnt effigy of president of Ittehadul Musalmin at Nanded and demonstrated against it. Similar demonstrations were organized at Latur and Bhiwandi. The newspaper claimed workers of Ittehadul Masalmeen are resigning in huge number.

According to **Dainik Etemaad** (March 12), president of Majlish e Ittehadul Musalmin Assaduddin Owaisi said that in 2014 Lok Sabha elections not a single Muslim candidate was elected from the state. He said that so called secular parties must ponder over the fact that where their votes had gone. These elections had made it clear that it was not only the responsibility of Muslims to stop the BJP and save secularism but everyone would have to be it united. He said that this election had made it clear that Muslim vote bank was farce and it has never been a vote bank. Had Muslim vote bank been there, condition of Muslims would not have been such. He said that these allegations were baseless that our party had any secret alliance with anyone or we fielded candidates to divide Muslim votes. "We fielded 35 candidates out of 403 seats and people who have won these seats were mostly from the parties other than the BJP. We are not discouraged and we would continue our activities in Uttar Pradesh," He said.

Commenting on Assembly elections in five states, **Inquilab** in its editorial on March 13 accepted that strength of the BJP was increasing very fast and its political power was also increasing with elections in every state. The newspaper said that claim was being made from some time that popularity of Modi was declining but these elections proved it wrong. Decision of demonetization created an environment that people would not repeat mistakes of 2014 but elections after 8 November 2016 that included panchayat, nagarpalika and Assembly elections it was proved that despite people facing hardship due to demonetization but popularity of the BJP remained intact. Talking about the two-and-half year work of the Modi government, it was mentioned that Modi failed to fulfill its promises but these talks were being done by opposition parties only. People and media did not say anything on this matter. This clearly means that people are still hopeful about Modi rather they are emboldened. Had this not been the case, the BJP would not have won everywhere. So to say there were several reasons for the exemplary victory of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh. If it is said that the BJP had won 2014 elections when other political parties were not aware of the impact of media and social media but this time round after a gap of two and half years of election preparedness the non-BJP political parties could not manage composure. The Congress has been able to get victory in Punjab but that was overshadowed by the victory in Uttar Pradesh. Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party were considered to be the strong forces in Uttar Pradesh but in the recent elections they have been sent to fringes. If the SP government had gone out of power, the BSP was worst as far as performance goes. This was the third chance when the BSP was proved to be unimpressive. It had lost power in 2012, it could not get any Lok Sabha seat in 2014 and in 2017 it could get just 19 seats. The Congress was confined to single digit. But these elections have been a great shocker for the Aam Aadmi Party however the testing time started for the BJP. The same newspaper claimed in its editorial that secular political parties have been pushed to the corner.

The way one sided election results have come in Uttar Pradesh, they have socked many. But in my opinion this is not the first election with such results. Around two years ago Aam Aadmi Party had done the same thing by winning 67 out of 70 seats. UP Assembly will have saffron all around except 73 seats of opposition sitting at a corner? But opposition political parties started allegation and counter allegation as some are saying faulty voting machine while the other are saying family infighting some other holding communal polarization responsible for it. But no one is saying that who started the communal flare up. Are not they aware that if Muslims will be discussed, Hindus will also figure for sure? When Samajwadi Party and the Congress joined hands for Muslim votes forgetting their old rivalry, won't this impact Hindus? When the BSP, the SP and the Congress bring out election manifesto to keep the BJP away, why would the BJP not make Hindutva an issue? If Dr Ayoob and Assaduddin Owaisi run election campaign in the name of religion, why not the society will be divided? When so called secular political parties will emotionally blackmail them why should not the BJP take emotional route of Hindus. When a government tells Muslims that this much amount was spent on erecting boundary of cemetery, then why not the BJP will discuss crematorium. Why not the BJP will give the message that it did not give any tickets to Muslims? Wish UP election was contested on development, prosperity and growth but every political party fanned communal polarization. Samajwadi Party bitten the dust for the reason that it sidelined its experienced and inexperienced leaders took over. The result has been that the SP could get just 47 seats. Interesting thing was that the BJP got major votes in 97 Muslim dominated seats out of 124 seats. We don't feel it was due to tempering with the voting machine. But it appears that new generation Muslims voted for the BJP because they lost faith in Muslim leadership. It was also heard that Muslim women voted for the BJP in the Muslim majority areas. So it should be believed that Muslim women are supporters of Modi on triple talaq issue?

The same newspaper published two write ups of famous columnists. One write up was from Hasan Kamal with the head line – Tsunami of Narendra Modi. In this write up Kamal accepted that Muslims voted for the BJP in these elections. Kamal wrote that looking at the unprecedented UP elections only this could be said that all conjecture proved to be wrong. Even the BJP leaders did not anticipate such a huge victory. Some people trying to blame voting machine to cover up humiliating defeat as they must not forget that AAP got the similar victory in the Delhi Assembly elections. The defeat of the opposition in the recent Assembly elections proved that Modi had gone more close to the people than any other opposition leader. He spoke their language and was able to convince them that only he wanted to solve their problem. Demonetization was one of the reasons on which experts were of the opinion that this would harm the BJP and Narendra Modi. But we saw that in panchayat and municipal corporation elections there was no impact of it. Impact of demonetization was more on middle class than poor. Modi succeeded in making poor believe that he caused sleeplessness for rich. BJP had done communal polarization and caste politics. Amit Shah tried to have a connect with smaller sections of castes and were made office bearer before they were given ticket. They realized that the BJP was their real well wisher. They felt that unless people from their own caste got elected as MLAs the real benefit of these castes would not happen. The Congress failed to do this and so it declined. The BJP is upper caste party but it does not express it. Its leadership might be with upper caste and with the RSS but it does not look like to be led by upper caste. On the other hand the Congress might not express to be the party of upper caste but it appears to be. From spokespersons to other office bearers nowhere face of Hindu, Muslim, Dalit and OBC does not appear. Kamal said it was true that generally the BJP did not take the benefit of any issue twice once it had taken its benefit once. It took benefit from the Ram Temple issue whatever it

could get. This time round the election was on development. The party will look for new issue for Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh elections. Some people are claiming that 10 per cent Muslims voted for the BJP which is reflected from the victory of the BJP in Muslim dominated areas. The BJP leaders also claimed that they got votes of Muslim women due to triple talaq issue. "I find this claim of the BJP wrong. But if it bears little truth then it is a challenge for organizations like Muslim Personal Law Board. People are still not angry with the Congress. They have supporters among poor so the Congress must take advantage of it," he writes.

The other write up belongs to Neelam Suhrawardy which had the headline – How has the BJP won in UP? According to Suhrawardy, the success of the BJP in UP tells that attempt made by Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav had adverse impact. Instead of helping the SP and the Congress alliance harmed each other. This decision of Akhilesh Yadav was wrong and due to this Samajwadi Party had lost its several seats.

Hamara Samaj on March 11 published a write up on the front page with the headline – Uttar Pradesh has more faith on adopted son than its two sons. The newspaper claimed in its editorial that looking at the result of Uttar Pradesh it could be guessed that people wanted change there. The BJP got majority in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The defeat of the BSP gave an indication that Dalits cannot live just on promises and they have no more faith intact with the party. Polarization of vote took place due to wrong campaigning. These elections have made it clear that Modi understands pulse of people but have brought new testing time for the BJP as if it fails to fulfill its promises the BJP might have difficulty to get votes in 2019 elections.

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara in its editorial on March 12 had the headline -- Modi wave. It is proved from the Assembly elections that Modi wave was continuing. Some experts are calling it polarization of Hindu votes while BSP chief called it EVM magic. People feel that whatever Modi thinks, he thinks for the country so the faith of people for Modi had grown.

Hamara Samaj in its editorial on March 12 wrote commenting election results that the return of the BJP to power after 15 years in UP has been due to people facing problems with the regional party. They realized that the state might develop under the leadership PM Modi. If the BJP fulfills promises made in the election manifesto no one can remove it from the state in the coming elections. However, this is also true that Modi played Hindutva card in UP. Issues like Graveyards and crematoriums were raised that polarized non-Muslim voters. However, the BJP got less votes in the present elections than 2014 Lok Sabha. This has made it clear that popularity of the BJP declined.

Akhbar Mashriq on March 17 complained in its editorial that the BJP formed the government in Goa and Manipur breaking all old traditions. The Congress just remained mute spectator. The BJP managed support of smaller parties in these states. While in Manipur its formed alliance with Naga People's Front. Earlier this game was being played by the Congress. The BJP became the biggest party by forming the government in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur and now the dream of Modi to make the country Congress-free India appears to have been realized. At present the success of the BJP is the talking point but Goa and Manipur could be troubled water for the BJP in the days to come. How long the majority in Goa and Manipur remains intact is a matter to watch for.

IV

Yogi Aadityanath in the line of fire of Urdu media

Urdu newspapers criticized the decision of making Yogi Adityanath the chief minister of the state. **Sahafat** on March 20 reported that had the MLAs elected by people of UP not competent enough to become the CM. All the four people discussed for the post of CM were MPs. Besides Yogi Adityanath, names of Rajnath Singh, Keshav Prasad Maurya and Manoj Sinha were discussed. Some people shouted slogan in favour of Kalyan Singh the day selection for the post of CM was to be made. Babri mosque was demolished during his reigns and he is, at present, governor of Rajasthan. The most important thing was that decision of making Yogi the CM was already taken by the high command. But a drama was being enacted to give it a shape of democratic process. Name of Manoj Sinha was deliberately lobbed however he never came to Lucknow. Sahafat reported that it warned Narendra Modi not to invite danger of making Yogi the CM.

But Modi has always been autocratic and has been taking decisions on his whims. Yogi Aadityanath might pose a challenge to him in case of any difference of opinion. Rajnath Singh refused to become CM. The name of Yogi Aadityanath was not there in the list of start campaigners. Later on intelligence sources informed Modi that condition of the BJP in the state was pathetic. So the BJP immediately contacted Yogi. It is said that Yogi made the PM clear that he would become active in UP elections if he was given assurance to be made the CM. Just two year remains for the Lok Sabha elections so whatever programme the BJP was having only Muslims were targeted and who could be the best person than Yogi to polarize Hindu votes in the state. However, there was a change in the attitude of Yogi after becoming the CM and now he was talking about Sabka Saath, Sabka Viaks and instructed the police that there should not be lawlessness in the name of celebrations. But Muslims of Uttar Pradesh have many issues which is troubling them. Let us see the new government gives justice to them or not. One example is of killing of Mohammad Akhlak of Dadri. The case is clear but will the culprits be punished or they will be declared innocent despite being culprits? The PM never talks about Muslims in his speeches. He had only once mentioned about Muslims attributing Deen Dayal Upadhyay. Killing of Akhlaq was criticized across the world but the PM spoke just one sentence about it. Samajwadi Party leader Naresh Agrawal had said the right thing that Yogi Adityanath would have to change his image after becoming the CM. He will have to rethink about the goal of Hindu Yuva Vahini. These people criticize caste politics but use it in the elections. Kalyan Singh used his Lodh caste for maximum. Now Aadityanath is projected as Rajput face and Keshav Prasad Maurya belongs to OBC. Dr Dinesh Sharma is a Brahmin and son-in-law of Gujarat. Yogi Aadityanath was sent to jail for causing enmity in the society. He is accused of serious charges like murder and kidnapping. There is a need to keep a watch on his aggressive politics.

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara in its issue on March 20 criticized the decision of making Yogi Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Modi promised in his election campaign that major changes will be done in Uttar Pradesh if BJP wins elections. A new development has been handing over reins of Uttar Pradesh to Yogi. This makes it clear that the focus of Modi was more on becoming Hindu Hriday Samrat instead of becoming a development man. It is said that the decision of making Yogi the CM was taken on

instructions of RSS leaders. The question is if Yogi was to be given this position, why the matter was lingered on? The way two deputy CMs were appointed, future strategy of the party was clearly indicated. If Yogi does any mistake, these two Dy. CMs will have control over him. The BJP made its future plans clear by not fielding a single Muslim candidate. The argument of the BJP was that Muslims never voted for the BJP so why to field them as BJP candidate. In 2012 Assembly elections the representation of Muslims was 18 per cent that has come down to 10 per cent in 2017. The reality is that only 24 Muslim candidates have been elected out of 403. Now there will be no Muslim voice after the recent elections. Indications are that now Uttar Pradesh will be made laboratory of Hindutva after Gujarat. This was being propagated from very long time that Hindus were forced to migrate from the Muslim-majority areas due to their exploitation. Kairana was the talking point from the past 2-3 years. After this incidence Sakhas were organized in villages and remote areas. Bajrang Dal is being reorganized. So the centuries-old close fraternity between Muslims and Jats has broken. After that polarization of votes started. People are being divided in the name of religion. Now in Bareilly pamphlets were distributed asking Muslims to leave the area. On the other hand attempt was made to raise saffron flag on a mosque. If the government does not stop this communal tension the state might move towards a big clash.

Dainik Hindustan Express in its editorial on March 20 indirectly criticised the decision of making Yogi Aadityanath the CM. The newspaper suggested Yogi that he must focus on development instead of giving it a saffron hue. The BJP emphasized on the development during election campaign. Now, it is the matter to watch for that how far party was able to fulfill its promises. Yogi and development of Uttar Pradesh are contradictory. There was dispute within the BJP that who should be made the CM. After a long deliberation the past actions of Modi were liked by the party. So the high command handed over reins of Uttar Pradesh to him. However, the party should have elected the CM from the recently elected MLAs. Who does not know that Yogi spits venom? Media reports tell that there are over a dozen of serious cases against Yogi that included murder as well. Yogi provided details about cases against him to the election commission through affidavit before 2014 Lok Sabha elections. Some cases are pending before the court while in some cases investigation is on. He has not been given clean chit in any of these cases. The argument is that these allegations do not have any value. Everyone knows that the BJP does not have value for clean image. Let people raise finger towards Yogi but this will not affect politics of the BJP. Now Yogi has been made the CM so the future will be discussed and not the past. The BJP did not field a single Muslim candidate in these elections and when the BJP has come to power with 312 MLAs the ministry was joined by a junior minister. Let us see how promise of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas is fulfilled.

Dainik Inquilab in its editorial on March 20 expressed astonishment to the fact of Yogi being made chief minister of the state. There is no doubt that in the 7-phased UP elections, tone of the BJP changed after third phase and it presented development slogan in such a way with Hindutva swing that votes were polarized. But no one expected the BJP appointing such a CM whose attitude towards Muslims are obvious. Some people are spitting venom against Muslims to become poster boy. Strange thing is that names of Manoj Sinha and Keshav Prasad Maurya was doing round who are considered to be the leaders of balanced image but suddenly name of Aadityanath was announced. Was it pre-decided or decided at the last moment? This will not be answered as a new culture in the BJP emerged where issues are avoided. Now the problem is that the BJP is unable to see anything due to such a resounding

victory. Actually generating confidence among people that development is the agenda of the government should have been the priority but the aim of the government is winning elections. Now the PM announced that Na Chain Se Baithunga Na Baithne Doonga is the news slogan. Next year elections for some more state are due. Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas slogan was shouted so far but the real slogan is confined to radical Hindutva. The BJP wants to come to power with the help of Hindutva.

Dainik Sahafat in its editorial on March 21 welcomed the statement of chief minister Yogi Aadityanath in which he assured following Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas policy. But strange thing is that on one hand the CM is making such claims on the other hand leaders of his party are making objectionable statement against Muslims.

V

Banning illegal slaughter houses

According to **Inquilab** (March 29), tug of war between the government and meat traders on the issue of closure of illegal slaughter house is continuing in Uttar Pradesh. On one hand there is a team of district administration which is raiding continuously on the other hand affected people are protesting. It is clear that the point of view of the BJP is clear from the day one. The BJP repeatedly said in its election rallies that if the BJP came to power illegal slaughter houses would be closed. But the unfortunate aspect is that honest Muslim leaders are confused while selfish leaders are emotionally exploiting. These people did not renew the license for selling meat. Today thousands of families are facing the danger of livelihood but these cheap leaders are making fun of these leaders. Let me tell you that banning meat is being talked about in a country which is the biggest meat supplier in the world. India sends 24 lakh tons of beef across the world while Brazil exports 20 lakh tons of beef. Vietnam purchases 45 per cent of the total beef export of India. The BJP might ban anything to become popular among radical Hindus. Meat traders are looking at Allahabad High Court with hope. My suggestion is that instead of taking the path of clashes some middle path should be reached. Leaders must understand that this issue is not about eating meat but about tannery industry.

Hindustan Express in its editorial on March 29 reported strike of the meat traders by saying that the action taken by the new government in Uttar Pradesh on slaughter houses started debate that what is the importance of meat in Uttar Pradesh. As per data available India is the leader as far as export of meat was concerned. Around 20 per cent meat exported comes from Uttar Pradesh. As per government data, there are 31 per cent non-vegetarians in India while 52 per cent non-vegetarians are in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh exports 5 lakh tons of meat. Indian meat is cheap as old and non milking animals are slaughtered. Brazil and other countries rear animals for the purpose. Telangana is the state where meat consumption is highest as 98 per cent people eat meat there. Second place is West Bengal and third place goes to Jharkhand. Out of 1000 people in Uttar Pradesh, 108 eat chicken, 49 fish, 70 mutton and 127 beef. Meat trade has adversely been affected due to raids in the slaughter house and meat prizes had gone up. The government took action against meat traders as it wanted to show its supporters that what is it doing and what its attitude towards Muslims is. However, Muslims know

that they are not the only who eat meat but Hindus too eat meat. Meat traders knocked the door of the court.

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara in its editorial on March 29 said that High Court intervened into the matter of Uttar Pradesh and asked for answer from the government and Lucknow Municipal Corporation. High Court asked for the response on closing down of meat shop and not renewing their licenses. Everyone is astonished over the unprecedented victory of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh. Yogi Aadiyanath took some tough measures after becoming the chief minister that included banning slaughter houses. There is joblessness among butchers. Chicken and mutton traders are saying that their shops were closed under pressure by the police. Such slaughter houses that had licenses were not renewed. Now the BJP government has declared them illegal. However, there was no mistake of butchers. The question is that the government of the day is for the people or to trouble people. UP BJP is saying that it was mentioned in its election manifesto that after coming to power all abattoirs would be closed. This decision was taken to hit a particular community. Opposition criticized the decision of the government. There are around 5000 abattoirs in the state. Meanwhile, former Uttar Pradesh minister Azam Khan said that Muslims must stop eating meat.

Jadeed Markaz in its editorial on March 29 said that chief minister Yogi Aadiyanath's anti-Muslim attitude started reflecting the moment he took over as the UP CM. If there is any action taken against 21 per cent Muslims in the state it is Hindus who come forward to safeguard them. However, the CM instructed his every minister to beware of making inflammatory statement and focus on the work. When Muslims come across old statements of Aadiyanath, they are socked. His statement about Love Jihad is more pertinent to mention here in which he had said that now no Sikander will be able to marry a Hindu girl. Now no Hindu will give his daughter to Muslim. Azam Khan you too must get ready to give your daughters to Hindus. Now we would not give our daughter to Muslims. Making Aadiyanath the CM is part of a long drawn strategy. Narendra Modi fielded him to win 2019 elections. Modi has already announced that the result of Uttar Pradesh has made it clear for making a new India. Aadiyanath does not have any experience of running the government and neither is he an economist. He is a Member of Parliament since 1998. He formed Hindu Yuva Vahini. Where there are 98 per cent Hindus in the police services, what was the need to form Hindu Yuva Vahini? They have got a license of goondaism that they have been doing against Muslims. Now they will make life of Muslims miserable. But there is no need for Muslims to worry. After Yogi took over as UP CM, advises to Muslims are pouring in. Some people are suggesting social reforms and some are talking about opening of door of mosques for everyone and even cooperating with the BJP and Yogi Aadiyanath. Editor of this weekly newspaper Hisam Siddiqui threatened that if the government backtracks from Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas then there are 20 per cent Muslims in the state and they cannot be thrown in the sea or they can be separated from the development process. This will halt the development process. If anyone had the confusion that Uttar Pradesh will have just one stream then he must forget it. No country can grow with single stream, Nepal had to shun Hindutva and Pakistan was unable to celebrate silver jubilee. There is not a single person in Pakistan who can claim that he will return home safely. The same newspaper criticized the government decision on anti-Romeo squad and said that the government was enemy of love. In another write up closure of slaughter houses are criticized and complained that extremists are troubling Muslim shop keepers and trying to shut shops on fire.

VI

8 Muslim councilors suspended for opposing Vande Matram

According to **Hindustan Express** (March 31), a group of Muslim councilors came out of the house when people started singing Vande Matram. After this boycott, a resolution of ending their membership was passed. Mayor Harikant Ahluwalia introduced a proposal saying that anyone opposing Vande Matram will not be welcomed in the house. Muslim councilors are saying that they will oppose it at every cost because as per Sharia they are not allowed to sing Vande Matram and if need be they will go to court. Commenting on the incidence councilor Shahid Abbasi said that we were suspected.

According to **Inquilab** (March 31), Muslim councilors are saying that Supreme Court on February 17, 2017 ruled that National Anthem cannot be thrust on anyone therefore the proposal of municipal corporation is absolutely wrong and is against the law. Mayor of the city said that boycotting Vande Matram was disrespecting the country which would not be tolerated. He said some people were deliberately causing controversy.

Hindustan Express on April 4 published a news report on the front page in which it was said that Varanasi mayor issued these orders on demand of BJP councilors forcing Muslim councilor sing Vande Matram and Jan Gana Man. Earlier the BJP councilors proposed to sing this song which was opposed by the Congress and Samajwadi Party councilors. This controversy was started when BJP councilor Ajay Gupta moved this proposal that National Anthem must be sung before the activities of the house starts. This was opposed by the Congress and Samajwadi Party councilors. Taking tough stance on this issue, Mayor Ram Gopal Mohle said that tough action would be taken against Congress and Samajwadi Party councilors for disrespecting National Song and National Anthem. SP councilor Ravikant Vishwaka said, "We were ready to discuss budget for 2017-18 but the BJP councilor Ajay Gupta intervened by saying that National Song must be sung before proceedings of the house starts which was opposed by the Congress and SP councilors." Vishwakarma said, "We respect National Song but this cannot be thrust on anyone." Muslim councilors are also against it and if we don't want to sing the BJP cannot force it on us. Mayor issued an order after commotion in the house that it was made compulsory to sing National Song before proceedings of the house starts and singing Jana Gana Mana is necessary at the end of proceedings. Mayor said that some of the councilors made objectionable comments against the RSS that would not be tolerated.

VII

Triple Talaq matter handed over to constitutional bench

According to **Inquilab** (March 31), the Supreme Court handed over the matter of triple talaq, halala and polygamy to constitution bench calling it a very sensitive matter which will start hearing the matter from May 11. The decision of the SC was welcomed by Dr Asma Zahira who said that the matter would be considered in the light of secular structure and constitutional framework and religious

freedom. The SC will study all the petitions in this regard. Chief justice constituted a five-member constitution bench. Several questions have been asked from the government. The court instructed all parties to submit their suggestions and questions to Attorney General. Chief justice said that only legal issues will be discussed on the matter and the court will pay attention to every word of all the parties. He said that court might not go out of law. Earlier Central government presented four questions before the court. The first question was: Is it possible under the constitution that triple talaq, halala and four marriages be allowed under religious freedom or not? Second: What should be the priority Right to equality and right to live with dignity or religious freedom. Third: Personal Law will be considered law under Article 3 of the constitution or not? Fourth: Will triple talaq, nikah, halala and polygamy will be correct in view of international laws of which Indian government is a signatory. On the other hand Muslim Personal Law Board filed a petition in which it is said that petition on triple talaq, halala and polygamy must be quashed immediately. The court does not have any right to hear this case. Muslim Personal Law Board said that it is part of Sharia which cannot be removed. Board sighted international laws by saying that we cannot follow any country and we will do what is written in Quran.

VIII

Controversy over missing Sajjada Nashin of a Delhi mausoleum

According to **Inquilab** (March 21), missing Sajjada Nashin of Nizamuddin Aulia mausoleum of Delhi Syed Asif Ali Nizami and Syed Nazim Ali Nizami returned India. They had gone to Pakistan to meet their elder sister and also to visit mausoleums in Pakistan. They were arrested by Pakistani intelligence agencies there. The relative of these people contacted External Affairs minister Sushma Swaraj on their disappearance demanding the government to get them released by putting pressure on the Pakistan government. After that Sushma Swaraj spoke to Sartaj Aziz the advisor of Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharief. On Swaraj's intervention the Pakistan government decided to release them and arranged their return journey.

After coming back to Delhi these Ulama offered Chadar to Hajarat Nizumuddin Aulia to offer their thanks. They had also gone to meet External Affairs minister Sushma Swaraj. This is to recall that both these people had gone to Karachi first to meet their sister. After that they had gone to Lahore to pay their respect to mausoleum Data Ganjbax in Lahore and Baba Farid's mausoleum at Patpatan. These ulama informed that they were arrested by intelligence agencies of Pakistan and they were quizzed for two days. They claimed that after they were arrested an Urdu newspaper published a report alleging them to be agent of Indian intelligence agency RAW and they had gone to meet officials of Muttahida Qaumi Movement. Syed Nazim Ali Nizami said that they took along a copy of the newspaper. They said that they go to Pakistan to offer prayers to Sufi saints there and give message of brotherhood and unity. Syed Sazid Ali Nizami the son of Syed Asif Ali Nizami said that his father did not know that where they were kept for two days and who interrogated them. The newspaper published a news report in this regard in which it was claimed that senior BJP leader Subhramanyan Swamy alleged

these two leaders participating in anti-national activities and alleged them of working in Pakistan against the interest of India. He said that on one hand Pakistan was claiming that it did not have any information about them on the other they were under the custody of intelligence agencies of Pakistan. Nizamis disappeared from the Karachi airport.

According to **Dainik Sahafat** (March 21), both these maulavies disclosed that they were detained by intelligence agency of Pakistan. Asif Nizami had gone to meet his sister Kamar Jahan in Karachi and after a week's stay there they took a flight to Lahore on March 13 and on March 15 on their way back to Karachi Nazim Ali were detained by Pakistan intelligence agencies. His face was covered with black cloth and was taken to undisclosed destination while Asif reached Karachi. He informed about missing Nazim Nizami to his relatives. His relatives who had come to pick him up at Karachi airport were also detained and were taken to undisclosed destination. He saw Nazim Ali there. They were separately quizzed for three days by intelligence sleuths but after three days they were suddenly released.

I

Saudi Arabia plans to deport 50 lakh foreigners

According to **Etemaad** (March 8), the Saudi Arabia government intensified its campaign to deport 50 lakh foreigners living in the country illegally. A committee has been constituted to take necessary action in this regard. The government spokesperson Dr Sazid Fazl said that foreigners enter into the country in the guise of visiting religious places and they stay there afterwards. Army has been asked to raid to get information about foreigners. He said that only such persons would be allowed to live in the country that is necessary for the economy of the country. This is to recall that earlier also the Saudi Arabia government deported 15 lakh Indian citizens. The government accepted that some of the companies got closed due to economic crisis so over 2.5 to 3 lakh foreigners are rendered jobless.

Some of the jobless Indians informed that most of them have not been given their dues so they are dying from hunger. As per another news report when these jobless people demonstration at some places in Saudi Arabia, they were arrested and court sentenced whipping and jail terms.

Siyasat on March 15 claimed that the policy of Saudi Arabia was that instead of giving job to foreigners it is better to give job to Saudi Arabian people. The Saudi Arabia government decided to give 12 lakh jobs to its citizens its purpose is to deal with the growing unemployment among Saudi Arabia people. Recently 16 thousand women have been appointed in the mobile service and all of them are Saudi citizens.

II

Census in Pakistan

According to **Siyasat** (March 15), for the first time in past 19 years Pakistan started census. Around two lakh soldiers have been deputed for the job. Census will continue till May 25. Spokesperson of the Pakistani Army Asif Gafoor said that at least one army man would be with civilians who would go to every house to gather information. This census will involve two lakh soldiers and 1.25 lakh civilians. They are being given special trainings. Census will be done in four parts on which 18 billion rupees will be spent. He warned that any Pakistani giving wrong information would be sentenced six month in jail along with 50 thousand Rupees fine. This is to recall that the last census was done in 1998 and that time population of Pakistan was 18 crore.

III

New relations between China and Saudi Arabia

According to **Hindustan Express** (March 21), a new era has been started with King of Saudi Arabia Salman bin Abdul Aziz's visit to China and Japan. Japanese Prime Minister accepted in Arabian news channel that Saudi Arabia has special role in the Arab world. He said that from the past 46 years this was the first occasion when any Saudi Arabia king visited Japan. In 1971 the then king of Saudi Arabia visited Japan. He said that cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Japan on the issues of foreign policy and international matter increased. Japan will try that dependence of Saudi Arabia on income of crude oil reduces and other economic areas grow. The newspaper said that during the visit of China and Japan 27 deals were signed with these countries. The Chinese university gave three honorary degrees and was also give five public honour. China emphasized that Palestinian problem should be sorted out as Arab Peace Plan and Security Council's proposal. They also emphasized cooperation on the issue of terrorism. Saudi Arab will invest \$65 billion in China. Saudi Arabia also signed 11 pacts with Indonesia with an aim to increase cooperation. Indonesia and Saudi Arabia will cooperate with each other for several projects at the cost of \$2.5 billion that included housing, electricity generation and tourism. Saudi Arabia and Japan signed several pacts in the field of power generation. Japan will start several car production units in Saudi Arabia.

IV

Anti-Turkey campaign in Europe

According to **Munsif** (March 22), the newspaper published a write up by Mohammad Umar Ibrahim in which it was said that why people from some European countries are bothered with the plebiscite done in Turkey for constitutional reforms. German Chancellor said, "We discussed issues in detail including terrorism and decided to cooperate with each other." The statement of German Chancellor was immediately denied by the President of Turkey and said that discussing Islamic terrorism and making Islamic State a base was a matter of concern. Muslims are angry with these words. The newspaper said that German president taking the path of US President was regrettable. Next month Turkey was undergoing plebiscite for constitutional reforms and its key lies with 50 lakh Turkish citizens living in different European countries. Out of these 14 lakh live in Germany therefore their votes are very important. President of Turkey is trying to convince these people for the constitutional reforms in the country which is not being liked by European countries. The Turkish government is not allowed to tell its people about this in European countries by saying that this would cause communal tension. This is the reason that the British government did not allow two ministers of Turkey to canvass there and were sent back. Turks also organized a rally in Sweden but the government did not allow it. Similarly Prime Minister of Denmark is also opposing it. This is also being opposed by Britain. Truth is that elections are scheduled in several countries of Europe where Islamic terrorism was being made an

issue by political parties to get votes. These are the same European countries which supported anti-Islamic campaign of Kamal Ataturk while thousands of maulvies were hanged and mosques were locked because they wanted to erase Islam from Turkey. The truth is that Europe also started campaign against Islam after the US. Anti-Islamic campaign of Trump has spread in Europe. Turkish President said on the campaign of the European country that influence of Nazism still there in the European countries. One of the ministers of Turkey was stopped going to its own embassy. This is the same Holland that killed 8000 Bosnian Muslims. The Truth is that awakening about Islam in Turkey is emerging very fast and they feel secularism as a farce.

According to **Munsif** (March 13), there was a clash between Turkish protestors and the police on the issue of deportation of a Turkish minister from Holland. Prime Minister of Turkey Binali Yaldirim said that this humiliation would not be tolerated. Turkish minister Fatima Batool came to Holland to garner support from Turkish community there for giving more power to Turkish President. The Dutch government said that such attempts might cause communal tensions in the country. So the government did not allow Turkish minister to enter the embassy and was sent back up to German border under its supervision and from there she was deported.

V

Nizam Rabat in Mecca

Siyasat on March 24 reported that a special feature was published about Nizam Rabat situated in Mecca that in the next two decades 91 thousand pilgrims would stay there free and would also get free food. People from the old principality are given free accommodation. The newspaper claimed that in the 18th century Nizam Afzal Daula bought a property near Kaba where Hajies were allowed to stay free. The eighth Nizam Mir Barkat Ali got it registered as Waqf property by giving it the name of Nizam Estate. Every year 1284 Hajies are allowed to stay here for free who are selected by lottery. Old Hyderabad Estate that included Bidar, Gulbarg, Raichure and Yadgiri of Karnataka and Usmanabad, Beed, Nanded, Parbani, Latur and Jalana of Karnataka and Hajies from Telengana are given free food and accommodation. Its caretaker has been appointed a lawyer called Hussain Mohammad al Sharief.

I

Islamic terrorist organisation of Myanmar linked to Saudi Arabia

According to **Inquilab** (March 4), the Indian government is worried over the decision of Maldives selling an island to Saudi Arabia. Opposition political parties opposed the decision of the government by saying that this would encourage Wahabi ideology in the country. This is to recall that a big number of people of Maldives have joined the IS. Huge presence of Wahabi ideology is already there in Maldives. Earlier Pakistan tried to expand its base in this region and tried to establish its base by buying an island but India opposed it. China is also trying to set up its airbase in one of the islands of Maldives which has the only objective of encircling India. Former external affairs minister Ahmed Nasir said that the government did not ask for people's opinion on this. This is to recall that earlier selling any land of Maldives to any foreigners was treason and there was death sentence for it but in 2015 constitution of Maldives was amended allowing foreigners to buy land in Maldives. India does not want to interfere into the internal matters of any country. This is to recall that during the Rajiv Gandhi regime when rebels tried to capture government, the Indian government sent its army to foil their plans. Elections are scheduled in Maldives next year. Chief of the main opposition Maldives Democratic Party and former president Mohammad Nasheed is in London these days. He recently gave a statement in which he had said that elections in Maldives should be held impartial. This is the moral responsibility of India. Minister of state for external affairs M J Akbar recently visited Maldives. Democratic Party of Maldives alleged that the present government was cementing its relations with the Wahabi government in Saudi Arabia and under pressure from Arab it snapped its ties with Iran. Maldives have several islands and one of them was sold to Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Arabia government provides scholarship to over 300 students of Maldives for education in Saudi Arabia. Around 70 per cent population of Maldives is follower of Wahabi ideology.

II

Muslim peer kills 20 people

According to **Inquilab** (April 4), a peer was arrested in district Sagordha of Pakistan side of Punjab on charges of killing of 20 people. Peer named as Abdul Wahid told the police that whom he killed they had actually killed his murshid by poisoning. They also tried to kill me afterwards but I killed them by stabbing and hitting them by canes. Wahid said that people killed were all his disciples. They were

killed by hitting to free them from sin. Abdul Wahid said, "I told them to revive later on." Peer said that he had done the right thing. Some injured told the police that peer sahib had hit his followers and killed them by hitting. Driver of the peer said that he used to consume liquor. Other employees of the mausoleum have been arrested on murder charges that are accused of killing over three dozen people and are followers of this peer. Police are interrogating Abdul Wahid and his three accomplices. Deputy Commissioner of Sargodha District said that a special team had been constituted to investigate the matter. An injured person Mohammad Taufir said, "This majar was built around two years ago and we all are disciples of peer. He made us realize that we all committed sin and to become pure we will have to bear his canes."

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (April 3), around 20 people got killed in a dargah in Pakistan. The police officials informed that peer called his followers one by one and the moment they entered dargah he killed him by hitting with canes. As per the government sources, peer is a former government official and was earlier working with Punjab Election Commission. He is 50-year old. As per the police, these people were killed by hitting with canes and were stabbed. Heavy police force has been deployed around the majar to avoid further violence.

III

Burqa and beard ban in Xinjiang

According to **Inquilab** (March 31), the Chinese government banned keeping beard and donning burqa in the Muslim dominated area called Xinjiang. This has been implemented from April 1. This is to recall that there is a tension in the Muslim dominated area of China and hundreds of people were killed in clashes between Muslims and Army. Human Right Organization held the tough policies of China responsible for it. As per the new law, officials deputed at railway stations, airports and markets to see no one covers her face. The new law provides that if any child is involved in unlawful activity or jihadi activity their parents would be held responsible for it. As per new law action would be initiated if a child does not go to school, does not participate in family planning or damages government documents, keeps beards or keeps name on religious lines. Muslims of the province have earlier been imposed several restriction including donning burqa.

IV

Imam deported

According to **Inquilab** (April 4), the Singapore government deported an Indian Imam Abdul Jameel for inciting hatred against Christians and Jews. According to news Asia channel, this Indian imam was fined \$2840 for inciting communal violence. This year in the month of February statement of imam

became viral in which it was alleged that god will help us against Christians and Jews. Jameel deposited fine after the decision of the court and now he was being sent back to India. Imam apologized before Christian, Sikh, Budhdhist and Hindu religious leaders.

V

Hindu marriage Act passed in Pakistan

According to **Sahafat** (March 20), president of Pakistan signed Hindu Marriage Bill and after that it was made a law. As per Radio Pakistan now Hindu marriages and other family matters will be supported by the Pakistani law. Commenting on this law Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif said that minorities in Pakistan were being given equal right. He said minorities are also nationalist and Pakistani and it is the responsibility of the government that their rights are protected. He said that in the Hindu majority areas registrar would be appointed for Hindu marriages. This law will provide different rights on the issue of marriage and divorce. This is to recall that bill was introduced in the National Assembly last year which was later approved by the Upper House. Under this law Hindus will be allowed to remarry after taking divorce and widows will also be allowed to remarry. But widow will be allowed to marry six months after the death of her husband. There is a provision of punishment on violating rules. People marrying as per Hindu rites and rituals will be given legal marriage certificate. For the first time in the history of Pakistan separate Laws have been made for Hindus. This present law will be applicable in other states except Sindh. Sindh province already has Hindu Marriage Law.

VI

Woman foreign secretary in Pakistan

According to **Inquilab** (March 21), for the first time in the history of Pakistan a woman has been made foreign secretary. The woman is known as Tehmina Janjua who was working as permanent representative at United Nations. A senior official from Pakistan foreign services Farakh Aalm has been appointed at the United Nations. Earlier Aalam was working as Pakistan Ambassador to Japan. The new foreign secretary was joined Pakistan foreign services in 1984. She was Pakistan's ambassador to Rome from 2012 to 2015. Ever since Pakistan came into being the post of secretary was always occupied by a male only.

VII

Military help to Pakistan by China

According to **Munsif** (March 18), China has announced helping Pakistan in Making Ballistic missile, warships and aircraft. Army chief of Pakistan General Qamar Javed Bajwa recently visited China and he had long deliberations with officials of Central Cooperation Commission and chiefs of Army Navy and Air Force. Sources in China informed that China decided to help Pakistan in developing ultra modern missile and modern war crafts. Pakistan is setting up several factories. Pakistani ambassador in China Masood Khaldi told reporters that Pakistan would depute 15 thousand soldiers along economic corridor between China and Pakistan. A special team of soldiers will be constituted for Gwader port which will save Pakistan from terrorists and save terrorists attacking this corridor. The Chinese government decided to set up plants for missile systems jointly with Pakistan. This is to recall that China is helping Pakistan in a major way for its missile programme. Whatever missiles Pakistan at present has, they are provided by China.

I

Number of Muslim MLAs declined in UP Assembly

According to **Sahafat** (March 13), there was a sharp decline in the number of Muslim MLAs due to Modi wave. The BSP fielded big number of Muslim candidates. Similarly the SP also fielded good number of Muslim candidate while the BJP did not field a single Muslim candidate. BSP fielded 97 candidates, SP fielded 59 Muslim candidates but only 24 Muslim candidates have won. Around 64 candidates were elected in the 2012 Assembly. Maximum number of MLAs are from the SP while only five candidates of BSP got elected. Earlier in 1991 less number of Muslims got elected but it increased with the subsequent elections.

According to **Hamara Samaj** (March 13), Muslims were defeated in 27 Muslim dominated constituency due to direct fight. In the recent elections 85 Muslim candidates were runners up. There was a crowd of Muslim candidates in Atraul and Khalilabad Assembly seats. Shahida Khatoon of BSP in Dumariaganj and Mohammad Ramzan of the SP in Sohrabasti were defeated by a very thin margin. They were defeated by the BJP.

According to **Sahafat** (March 13), in several Muslim dominated areas Congress had won. The most talked about seat was Deoband where the BJP candidate Brijesh had won by 30000 votes, Majid Ali of the BSP was second and Mabilia Ali of the SP was third. Thana Bhawan of Shamli had Suresh Rana winning over Abdul Waris Khan. BJP has also won from Muradabad. From Muradabad City sitting MLA Yusuf Ansari was defeated by Ritnesh Kumar Gupta of the BJP. From Kanth area Rajesh Kumar Chunnu of the BJP got elected. He defeated Anees ur Rahman by 24 thousand votes. Radaudi area of the Faizabad district had Ramchandra Yadav defeating Abbas Ali Zaidi by over 30000 votes. Firoz Khan of the BSP got 47 thousand votes. Atraula seat in Balrampur district, Ram Pratap of the BJP defeated Arif Anwar Hasmi.

Akhbar Mashriq criticized the decision of Adityanath Yogi being made chief minister of Uttar Pradesh. The newspaper complained that Narendra Modi gave importance to Hindutva rather than development. The PM was playing the tune of Hindutva during the entire UP election process. Since Yogi does not have experience of administration, he was given two deputy chief ministers. It's another purpose was to satisfy Brahmins and other backward class. The newspaper accepted that Muslims were worried after Yogi Aadityanath being made the CM. Since attitude of Yogi has always been anti-Muslim, the newspaper expressed hope that he would change his old style and adopt Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

II

Attempt to save terror accused

According to **Hindustan Express** (April 4), Jamiat Ulama e Hind (Arshad Madni faction) is providing legal assistance to terror suspect arrested in Kolkata that included two women. President of the Committee Gulzari Azmi said that as per report on October 2, 2014 bomb exploded while making in a house in Vardhman district of West Bengal. After that the police arrested two women and several other people. Accused claimed that this was not a bomb blast but cylinder blast. Arshad Madni got several memorandums. Now Jamiat Ulama e Hind sent a lawyer Shahid Nadeem from Mumbai to investigate the matter and to provide free legal assistance. The lawyer said after meeting two women arrested on terror charges Gulshan Bibi and Aalima Bibi that they delivered one baby each in the jail. Chargoheet has been filed in the court in this regard. Gulzar Azmi said that attempts would be made to get these people released with the assistance of local lawyers. He said that accused are alleged to be member of banned organisation Jamate al Mujahiddin and are involved in terrorist activities in India and they are linked to al Qaida. Azmi said that we provide free legal assistance to Muslims arrested on terror charges and their relatives are also given financial assistance.

III

Attempt to incite communal violence in Haryana

Some of the newspapers unleashed a campaign to incite communal violence. **Hamara Samaj** on March 31 reported a news by Salim Amir in which it was complained that Muslims in Gurgaon are being forced not to offer namaz at Madarsa. It is argued that namaz causes unrest. It is said that the police already stopped Muslims offering namaz under pressure from local people but with the intervention of higher officials it was decided that people living in five alleys will be allowed to offer namaz in this madarsa. If any outsider comes and any incidence takes place they will be responsible. The newspaper claimed that there was a madarsa a village Katirpur's Omvihar locality in Palam Vihar. Sometimes ago local people from this locality convened a panchayat asking Muslims not to offer namaz in this madarsa. So they can offer namaz in their houses. Muslims said that they cannot stop us from offering namaz because constitution allows us religious freedom. They said that we did not stop anyone from idol worship. Police inspector said that since it was a madarsa so namaz should not be offered there. It is said that due to such behavior of the police inspector Muslims approached the higher officials. On pressure of the higher officials, the police inspector instructed people of only five alleys will be able to offer namaz. Some Muslims complained that when we continued offering namaz our water supply was stopped. DCP of the police said that this colony is unauthorized and mosque is illegal so the action was taken. Some Muslims alleged that partiality was being done with them.

IV

Ban on cow slaughter was demanded by Ajmer Dargah

According to **Hindustan Express** (April 4), chief of Ajmer Sharif mausoleum Dewan Syed Zainul Abedin said that looking at the tension between the two communities on meat trade it is necessary that the government must ban selling of meat of cow progeny. Muslims must also keep away from killing cow, eating their meats and business of cow meat. This is to recall that these days 805th ursh of Khwaja Ajmeri is being organized in which people from across the community participate. Statement of the chief of the mausoleum on such occasion becomes very important. Earlier there was a big conference of Muslims in Delhi in which legal ban on cow slaughter and its sale was demanded.

V

Court orders to restart Babri mosque case

The Supreme Court order to restart the case of demolition of Babri mosque was played up by the Urdu newspapers on mostly as lead story.

According to **Dainik Inquilab** (March 7), the headline was – the matter of Babri being demolished, 13 leaders of the BJP clamped. Advani, Joshi, Uma and Kalyan might be prosecuted. Five pictures have also been published with this news report. The newspaper wrote that the BJP was in real shock when the SC ruled reopening of the Babri cases. This will clamp several leaders like Lal Krishna Advani, Muarali Manohar Joshi, Union minister Uma Bharati, governor of Rajasthan Kalyan Singh and several leaders of Vishwa Hindu Parishad. The SC ruled to prosecute them once again for the conspiracy charges which intensified the problem of the BJP. Justice RS Nariman and Justice P C Ghosh expressed concern hearing the CBI petition and questioned that why not Lucknow and Rae Bareilly cases transferred to one court. This is to recall that case of demolition of Babri structure in Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court and inciting the crowd was pending with Rae Bareilly. Lucknow bench of Allahabad high court removed the conspiracy charges giving the BJP leaders a relief but the SC ruled prosecuting under conspiracy charges as well. The matter will be decided on March 22. Lawyers of the accused argued that in 2010, the CBI appealed nine months late after the HC decision and due to this delay the matter should be quashed. But the Supreme Court ruled that accused should not get any relief on technical grounds because in the matter of Rae Bareilly all the sections are mentioned. The SC expressed regretted that why the matter against accused of Babri demolition getting delayed.

VI

Gates of mosque closed for other sects of Muslims

Sahafat newspaper reported on March 21 that an official of Uttar Pradesh Paigambar Nogamwani published a write up in which he claimed common Muslims were being stopped from offering namaj in mosques and they are reserved for a particular sect of Islam. The author claimed that he was sent by the election commission on February 14, 2014 as presiding officer in a village. We reached there a day in advance when the election was scheduled. In this village Muslims from other sects were not allowed to enter to offer namaj. The author wrote that he was shocked to learn all this and said that such people are harming Islam. It appears that either Imam sahib does not know about the history of Islam or he is deliberately ignorant. Opponents in Madina troubled Prophet Mohammad differently but Prophet did not stop his opponents to come to mosque neither he drove out his opponents out of mosque. The present day ruler of Saudi Arabia does not accept anyone Muslim other than his family. They also did not stop non-Wahabi Muslims from entering into Kaba and Nabi mosque. He claimed that mosques were for every Muslim in Islam. The purpose of building mosque and offering namaj is to bring Muslims closure to each other. Today mosques are divided as Shia, Sunni Barelwi and Deobandi however if any Muslim builds mosques still he does not have the right to stop anyone offering namaj.

VII

BJP opposes reservation to Muslims in Telengana

According to **Etemaad** (March 12), chief minister of Telengana announced that a bill providing 12 per cent reservation to Muslims will be passed in ongoing Assembly session. He said that his party promised providing 12 per cent reservation each to Muslims and Dalits. He made it clear that Muslims won't be given reservation on the basis of religion but on the basis of their backwardness. He said that OBC Commission has legal value and members of the OBC commission visited Telengana confirming that condition of Muslims is backward.

According to **Akhbar Mashriq** (March 15), the commission constituted to provide reservation to Muslims by the Telengana government prepared its report and it would be presented to the state government. Spokesperson of the Sudhir Commission informed that as per 2011 census of Telengana the total population of the state is 3.5 crore that included 13 per cent Muslims which are backward so the state government decided to give them 12 per cent reservation. Sudhir Commission recommended them reservation and later on its report was handed over to OBC Commission. OBC Commission gave final touch to the report after extensively visiting the state. It is said that this commission also recommended 12 per cent reservation to Muslims.

According to **Munsif** (March 25), the proposal of the state government to provide 12 per cent reservation was opposed by five MLAs of the BJP on which Speaker suspended them for two days. As per reports published in the newspaper, MLAs G Krishna Reddy, C Ramchandra Reddy, N V Prabhakar and Raja Singh opposed increasing reservation from four per cent to 12 per cent. They raised black flag in the house. Minister in the state government Harish Rao demanded suspension of BJP MLAs for their action of obstruction proceedings of the house. This was opposed by the Congress leaders and opposition leader Jannareddy and said that this demand was not right. Reddy said that had BJP leaders were allowed for protest and dharna, such problem would not have cropped. When the BJP leaders were continuously protesting, the Speaker sought help from Marshals to take them out. On this all the five MLAs walked out of the house. Leader opposition in the legislative council Mohammad Ali Shabbir demanded that the promise made by the government to give 12 per cent reservation to Muslims should be fulfilled. Member of the BJP in the house N Ramchandra Rao demanded discussion suspending question hour to discuss providing 12 per cent reservation to Muslims. This was opposed by all other political parties. Mohammad Ali Shabbir said that ruling Telangana Rashtriya Samiti in its election manifesto promised 12 per cent reservation to Muslims that must be fulfilled. He clarified that Muslims were being given reservation on the basis of backwardness not on the basis of religion. BJP MLAs demand was reject so they walked out of the house.

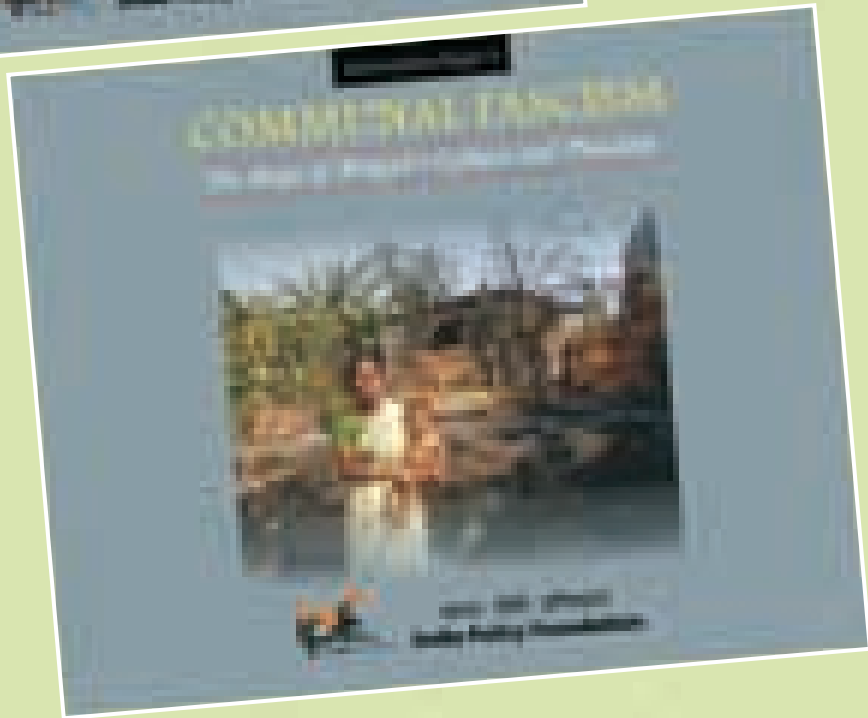
According to **Siyasat** (March 25), the BJP workers of Telengana organized a protest against Muslims being given 12 per cent reservation. When protestors were moving towards the Assembly, they were arrested near Washirbagh. In a special write up in Siyasat, it was claimed that the BJP wanted to replicate its success story of Uttar Pradesh in Telengana. It wants to capture power there also therefore it started opposing Muslims in the state. The ruling party leaders raised the issue of the bail of Mecca mosque bomb blast accused Aseemanand's bail however it has got nothing to do with the state. As per informed sources, the BJP cadre is instigating Hindus against 12 per cent reservation to Muslims in the state. So demonstration was organized outside Assembly. The BJP leaders claimed that the BJP would come to power in the state in 2019. Home minister of the state said in the house that the way Swami Aseemanand was released that was a serious issue and we would request the Centre to go to higher court against this bail.

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