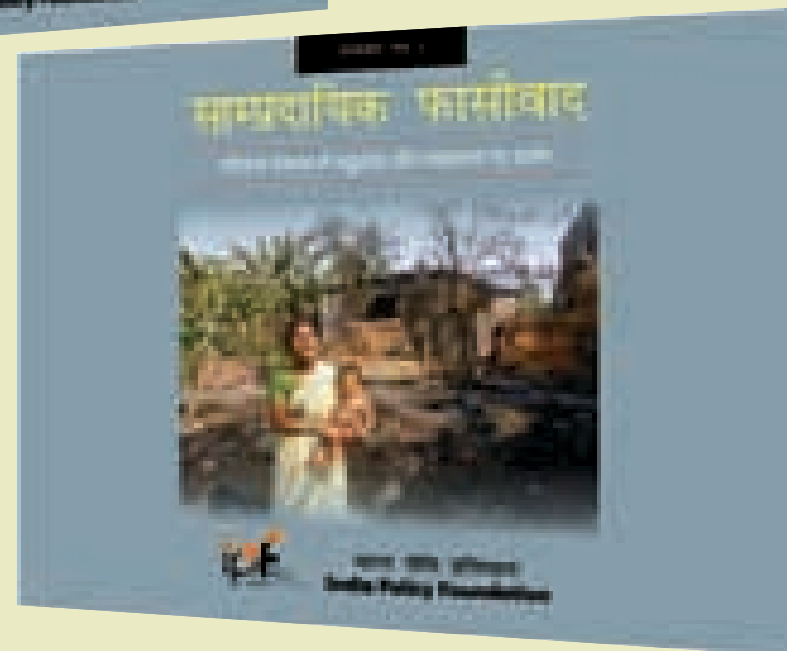
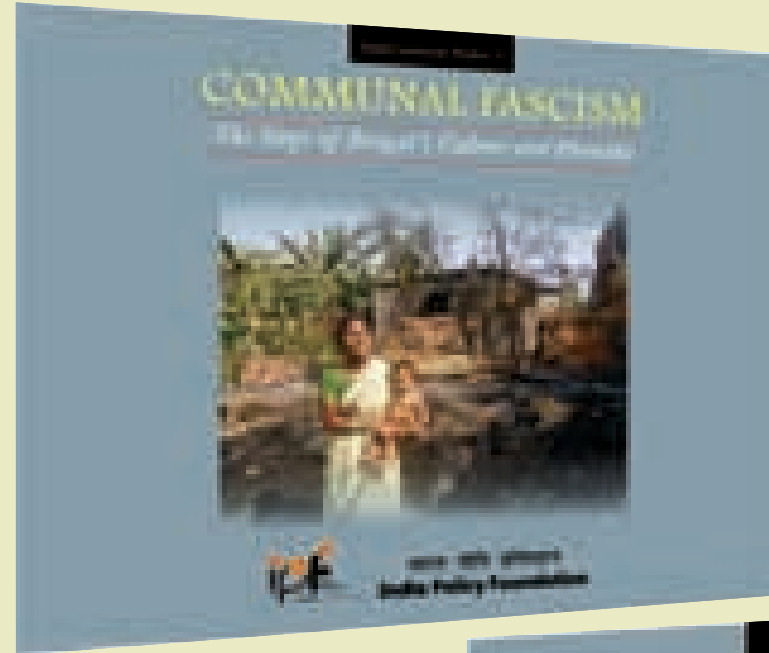


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Summary

All India Muslim Personal Law Board in its meeting in Bhopal started harping on the same old tune. The Supreme Court was once again targeted in the meeting organized in Bhopal over its decision on Triple Talaq. The leaders of this radical Islamic organization claimed that Triple Talaq was a part of Muslim Personal Law Board therefore neither any court of the country nor the Government has the right to interfere in it. The board has started preparations for a nation-wide campaign against this.

There is no value of the Supreme Court in the eyes of Muslims. This is the reason that Muslims have started ostracizing the woman, Israt Jahan, who had knocked the door of court against Triple Talaq. Israt Jahan told reporters in Kolkata that her life was in danger and she was being painted as an enemy of Islam. The woman requested security for her life from West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee.

Muslims across the country were demonstrating to get permanent refugee status for Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar. Urdu newspapers are also running a strong campaign in favor of Rohingya Muslims. However, everybody knows that terrorist squad of Rohingya Muslims attacked police booths in Myanmar killing over two dozens of policemen and security personal. This prompted Myanmar Army to start an operation against them. Interesting thing is that every Muslims country is making much noise for their Muslim brothers but none of them are ready to accept these refugees. Muslim countries are trying that Rohingya Muslims should take refuge in any non-Muslim country. President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is also very active in this regard but is not ready to give refuge to a single Rohingya Muslim. Now the question is if it would in the interest of the country to let these miscreants take refuge in the country? It is estimated that over four lakh Rohingya Muslims are living in India illegally and their number is increasing by the day.

Tough visa norms are being imposed in Saudi Arabia, which will have its impact over lakhs of Indians working there. Over 10 lakh Indians might be forced to come back to India due to this tough visa regime of Saudi Arabia.

SC in the line of fire of All India Muslim Personal Law Board

According to **Inquilab** (September 11), the decision of the Supreme Court was criticized in the executive committee meeting of All India Muslim Personal Law Board where it was said that the court did not have any jurisdiction to interfere in the matters of Sharia. If any court does that it won't be tolerated. According to the newspaper, around 40 members participated in the national executive meeting held at Bhopal, out of the total 51 members of AIMPLB. The meeting included President of the board Maulana Rabey Hasani Nadvi, Vice President Maulana Kalbe Sadiq, General Secretary Maulana Wali Rahmani, President of Jamiat Ulema e Hind Syed Arshad Madani, President of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Asaduddin Owaisi, Vice President of the board Maulana Salim Qasmi, Secretary of the board Zafaryab Gilani, Dr. Asma Zahra and Kamal Farooqi. The issue of Babri mosque and Triple Talaq was specially discussed. Besides that it was also decided to make the Central Government a party into a case to be filed in the Supreme Court over killings of minorities by unruly mobs. According to the newspaper, it was said in the meeting that the court could not be allowed to interfere into the matters of Sharia neither the court had the right to interfere into the matters of Sharia. It was said in the meeting that under Article 25 of the Constitution, every citizen of the country has the right to follow their religion and no one has the right to interfere in it. This is to recall that the Supreme Court in its decision that Triple Talaq in one go was against Sharia and it was not part of Islam so it stood rejected. According to the newspaper, three judges of the five-judge bench of the Supreme Court ruled against Triple Talaq while two favored it. There is a mixed reaction over this decision among Muslims. Some people called it a historical decision while others called it an interference into the matters of Sharia. A decision was taken after the discussion on Babri mosque that since the matter was into the court therefore the decision of the court must be awaited and we must present our case strongly.

According to **Inquilab** (September 12), an All India Conference of the Muslim Personal Law Board will be convened to discuss the matter of Triple Talaq and whatever was passed here would be sent to the President, Prime Minister, Law Minister and Chief Justice of India. A committee of experts would be constituted to discuss the matter in its entirety. Woman member of the national executive Dr. Aasma Zahra said that the decision of the Supreme Court was not clear on Triple Talaq. On one hand Muslim Personal Law was touted to be safe and no interference was to be allowed by anyone on the other hand Triple Talaq was banned. The board was saying that this decision of the Supreme Court was not as per Personal Law and it was also against the basic religious rights provided to every citizen by the Constitution. So the All India Muslim Personal Law Board has decided that since the matter was related with women therefore a conference of women and Sharia experts would be organized, where it would be announced that we Muslims believe in Sharia Islami and Triple Talaq was part of it. Banning Triple Talaq was interfering into religious rights of Muslims and we should be allowed to follow Muslim Personal Law. We will tell our opinion to the court and the Government.

On the contrary another newspaper **Hamara Samaj** on September 11 published this news as the main report by claiming that Muslim Personal Law Board won't oppose decision of the Supreme Court. But spokesperson of the board clarified that banning Triple Talaq was interfering into the matters of Muslim Personal Law. The decision of the Court was against the Constitution. The newspaper said that a committee was being constituted to study Muslim Personal Law in detail which would consider that if any amendment was made in Muslim Personal law then it should be as per Sharia. The board criticized the stand taken by the representative of the Centre, the Attorney General and said that the statement of the Attorney General in the Supreme Court that all rites and rituals of marriage according to the Sharia must be declared illegal which is absolutely wrong. The government does not have any right to interfere into Sharia matters. This makes it clear that the Centre wants to bereave the Muslims from their Sharia rights but this will not be accepted at any cost. The board is saying that the matter was started by the Supreme Court itself, in which issues of marriage, divorce and number of wives was included to be contemplated upon but it remained confined to Triple Talaq. The court bench ruled a majority decision on Triple Talaq. Board said that as per the four imams of Sunni sect, though Triple Talaq is bad but even if it is given in one go it would be considered as Talaq. This is the reason that the board on April 16, 2017 said in a statement that if anyone utters divorce thrice he should be socially boycotted. Another member of the board Maulana Jalaluddin Umri said that the decision of the court was not confined to Triple Talaq only but it will have a cascading effect. This should also be considered. This is to recall that Umri is the chief of Jamat e Islami.

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara on September 11 published this news report as the main news with the headline – 'Attack on Muslim Law not to be tolerated, Decision of the Supreme not only confined to Triple Talaq but also attack on Sharia matters. Woman member of the board Dr. Aasma Zahra said that almost all Muslim women are with us on the matter of Sharia and they don't accept the decision of the Court. General Secretary of All India Muslim Personal Law Board Wali Rahmani said that we won't welcome the decision of the Court because it was not confined to Triple Talaq only but is an attack on our Sharia matters.

Hindustan Express on September 11 did not publish any news report in this regard while **Dainik Sahafat** made it the main news report on September 11 and gave headline that attack on religious freedom not acceptable.

Dainik Inquilab in its editorial on September 12, said that it appeared from the decision taken at the National Executive meeting of All India Muslim Personal Law Board in Bhopal that Muslims and Judiciary are going to clash face to face. Our opinion is that by not accepting the court decision the matter might further deteriorate. There is a need to keep silent on the issue and let the Muslim women take a call on it. This will become a big issue in the next Lok Sabha elections if Muslims dealt with it emotionally. Secular forces will also try to capitalize on it. On the other hand the BJP is also looking for a chance where Muslim Personal Law Board opposes the court decision; it will jump in the ring to gather sympathies of Muslim women. We feel that the BJP will take the help of Triple Talaq and Muslim Personal Law to cover up for its failure. However, they know that Talaq is very rare among Muslims.

According to **Sahafat** (September 10), Institute of Objective Study claimed on Triple Talaq that the recent decision of the Supreme Court was actually an interference on the matters of Islam from the back door and its purpose was to impose Uniform Civil Code in the country. This seminar was inaugurated by Afzal Bani of Jamia Millia Islamia University. Senior lawyer Mahmood Paracha said that All India Muslim Personal Law Board must file a review petition on the Supreme Court's decision. The Supreme Court does not have any right to interfere in religious matters. If Muslims

accept this decision then it will have a long-term impact. General Secretary Jamiat Ahle Hadees Moulana Asghar Ali Imam Mahdi said that this was interference into Muslim Personal Law which Muslims must expose. Several Muslim leaders participated in this seminar.



Attempt to incite communal flare in Delhi

According to **Akhbar Mashriq** (August 13), the issue of a so-called mosque at the Lodhi Road was being raised to incite communal tension in Delhi. Former minister in the Delhi government Asim Ahmed Khan racked up this issue. He demanded from Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel that the Government must take tough measures to save this mosque and its cemetery. He claimed that this mosque was situated at CGO Complex, Nizamuddin. This is to recall that some of the Urdu newspapers have tried to vitiate the environment, time and again on this issue. This land was allotted to Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), by Delhi Development authority and the allotment was being opposed by some local people. They are claiming that this land belongs to an old mosque and cemetery but Waqf board failed to produce any document to support its claim, so the CRPF took possession of the land. Azam Khan who is contesting the matter for the land claimed that this was a Waqf land. People are claiming that once there was a dilapidated building alongside the road and when the price of the land grew some people illegally occupied it and made it a mosque. On the contrary MLA Asim Khan claimed that this mosque and old cemetery of Aliganj was mentioned in the 1970 gazette. There are some graveyards close to the mosque. DDA took control of the land. In 1996 when the CRPF tried to take possession of this land, Mutawali of the mosque appealed in Delhi session court on which the court ordered status quo at Lal Mosque and cemetery with a stay order. CRPF is saying that this land was allotted to them by DDA and notice to acquire this land has been issued. Now, some mischievous elements are instigating the matter. According to the police, some people from outside are reaching there in the name of offering namaj.

This is to recall that even earlier Government lands have been illegally captured in the name of old mosque. When metro station was being built in front of Jama Masjid some people claimed there to be a Akbari Mosque and that land was forcefully occupied by the locals and started construction on it. Despite repeated instructions from the Delhi High Court, illegal occupation could not be vacated because the local police said that if they implemented the high court decision then the peace of the locality might be disturbed.



Nation-wide support for Rohingya Muslims

Urdu Newspapers have started a strong campaign in support of the Rohingya Muslims. According to **Inquilab** (September 9), a demonstration was organized in front of Jama Masjid against atrocities over Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and an effigy of Myanmar leader Aung San Su Kyi was burnt. This demonstration was organized by Al Mohammad Iqbal and Sultana Aabad Khan. Addressing the demonstrators, Muslim leaders said that Muslims were being slaughtered in Myanmar and the Islamic world was silent over it. They appealed to the Bangladesh Government to give refuge to the Rohingya Muslims. Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid Ahmad Bukhari has written a letter to the King of Saudi Arabia, Shah Salman Abdul Aziz, requesting him to convene a conference of Muslim countries to discuss the problem of Rohingya Muslims. As per news report Secretary Majlis Ulema e Hind, Maulana Abid Abbas Zaidi, requested the Government of India

that it must immediately snap diplomatic ties with Myanmar because Rohingya Muslims are being tortured there.

According to a report from Panipat, a demonstration under the leadership of Maulana Javed Ali was organized in which an appeal to the Islamic nations was made to request the United Nations in helping to immediately stop the atrocities against Rohingya Muslims. As per a news report from Loni in Ghaziabad, Muslims organized a demonstration after their Friday prayers and burnt effigy of the President of Myanmar. The newspaper published an eight-column report from Muzaffarnagar in which it was reported that different towns of Muzaffarnagar organised demonstrations. Statements of 20 scholars were also published alongside this report in which a demand was made from the United Nations that action must immediately be taken against Myanmar's Army and radical Budhdhist so that lives of Rohingya Muslims could be saved. Students of Aligarh Muslim University also organized a protest demonstration. Besides that Muslim women also demonstrated against this at several places. News reports were also published about protest demonstrations in Barabanki.

According to another news report, President of Jamiat Ulama e Hind, Arshad Madani, announced that he would file a case in the Supreme Court seeking refuge to Rohingya Muslims in the country. In another news report from Srinagar, the entire Kashmir Valley witnessed violent protests organized in support of Rohingya Muslims. Demonstrators inflicted injuries to over a dozen of policemen who were later admitted to hospitals. Kashmiri Muslim Organizations celebrated Muslim Unity Day and prayers were offered in every mosque for Rohingya Muslims.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (September 9), violent demonstrations were organized in every district of Uttar Pradesh in support of Rohingya Muslims. Islamic organizations sent a memorandum to the President in which demand was made that the government must take tough measures to save Rohingya Muslims from atrocities.

According to **Hamara Samaj** (September 9), Muslims from Delhi have sent several truck loads of relief material for Rohingya Muslims spread across Delhi, which is being distributed amongst them. Trucks loaded with relief material were green flagged by Shahi Imam Bukhari.

According to **Hindustan Express** (September 9), Shahi Imam of Fatehpuri mosque, after Friday prayers, demanded that the United Nations should give protection to Muslims of Myanmar.

According to **Inquilab** (September 8), Arabian Parliament criticized killings of Rohingya Muslims and demanded action against Myanmar government. The Arab Union in another resolution demanded from the Myanmar government that people unleashing atrocities against Rohingyas must be hanged. It was demanded from Saudi Arabia in this resolution that it must raise this issue in the UN Security Council.

According to **Hamara Samaj** (September 8), General Secretary of Jamiat Ulama e Hind, Mehmood Madani, demanded that the special session of Security Council must be convened to save the lives of Rohingya Muslims. As per another news report Social Democratic Party organized a demonstration outside Myanmar Embassy. Darul Uloom Deoband demanded from the Indian Government to intervene immediately to save lives of Rohingyas. Darul Uloom complained that Narendra Modi did not put any pressure on the Myanmar government during his visit to the country, which is condemnable.

Dawat on September 10 published an editorial on its front page criticized atrocities against Rohingya Muslims and alleged that followers of Budhdhist religion were involved in such acts of which even animals would be ashamed of doing. Both the Army and common people are involved

in this killing. Strange thing is that the entire world was silent on the issue. Buddhists are alleging that Muslims entered Myanmar illegally therefore they must be sent back to their country. However, Muslims are claiming that they are living there for over 1200 years. Where should they go now? Atrocities against them were continuing for the past 500 years. Now attempt was being made to annihilate them. Myanmar banned killing of animals in 1559 and in 1782 Buddhist monarch forced Muslims to eat pork. When they refused they were killed. When military rule was established in Myanmar in 1962, campaigns started against Muslims and over a lakh Muslims have been killed so far and over 20 lakh have fled to take refuge elsewhere. Under the Citizen's law 1982, Muslims in Myanmar have been refused citizenship right. When democracy was established in 2011, some hope had emerged that Rohingya will get their due justice but exactly the opposite happened. The new government intensified the campaign against Rohingya Muslims. No one knows about what is happening in Myanmar because media and human right organizations are not allowed to go there.

According to **Akhbar Mashriq** (September 9), Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Sadhvi Prachi said that Rohingya Muslims must be deported to Myanmar. She said that Rohingya Muslims have very close link to terrorist organizations and if they are allowed refuge in India it would be dangerous for the country.

Dawat in its editorial on September 13 wrote that giving refugee status to Rohingya Muslims would not solve their problem rather they should be provided security in Myanmar itself and for this United Nations must intervene. **Dawat** in this issue published eight write ups relating to Rohingya Muslims in which it was demanded that United Nations must take steps to save their lives and property. Similarly **Munsif** in its September 8 issue published six reports in favor of Rohingya from all across the country. **Munsif** alleged in its editorial that Rohingya Muslims were becoming target of Buddhist terrorism. A Buddhist monk is running an armed campaign to finish off Rohingya Muslims there. He is called Osama bin Laden of Myanmar. When there was military regime in Myanmar, they were protected and this is still continuing. This is the reason that the main leader of Myanmar claimed that the news being published about Rohingya Muslims are one sided.

Sahafat in its editorial on September 11 said that demonstration across the country in support of Rohingya Muslims would have informed the Indian Government about the intensity of the problem. The newspaper expressed astonishment over the fact that when Narendra Modi visited Myanmar he criticized terrorist activities. India is treading very cautiously on this issue because it does not want to annoy the Myanmar Government. The newspaper accepted that attacks on military camps on August 25 by Rohingya terrorists deteriorated the situation there. The newspaper suggested that a special zone must be created for Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar so that they could live safely there and these zones should be looked after by the United Nations. The same newspaper published an article by Shakil Akhtar in which the author alleged that Narendra Modi was trying to play the Hindu card. This is the reason that the BJP and the Modi government were demanding Rohingya Muslims to be thrown out of the country.

IV

Triple Talaq for not bearing male child

According to **Siyasat** (August 30), Charminar police arrested three people who were instrumental in getting divorce of a woman from her husband as she failed to bear a male child. According to the newspaper, 19-year-old Habiba Fatima was married off to Mohammad Mansoor, a resident of Mughalpura who works in Abu Dhabi. Gold jewelry, five lakh rupees in cash and other things were

given at the time of marriage as dowry. When Habiba became pregnant her husband had left for Abu Dhabi. Her in-laws took her to a tantric Sheikh Abdul Hamid Rahim who teasingly handled this woman and gave an oil to rub on her abdomen. The tantric was paid of Rs 20,000. Fatima had gone to Abu Dhabi to join her husband on October 31, 2016 where she complained about her in laws and tantric but her husband sent her back to Hyderabad. Her in-laws took her to the said tantric four times who suggested applying that oil on abdomen. Later one of her sister-in-laws cut her hair and gave it to tantric but even after this Fatima gave birth to a girl in the month of May. This infuriated her in laws and her mother-in-law Tasmira, father-in-law Mohammad Sadik and three sister-in-laws started troubling and demanded Rs 10 lakh from her family members but when she expressed her inability to bring more money than her husband sent divorce papers through a lawyer and in the process also gave her Triple Talaq. Police commissioner B Satyanarayan said that a case has been filed against the tantric, mother-in-law and father-in-law while notice has been issued to bring the husband back from Abu Dhabi. He too would be arrested after coming back to India.

V

Decision of Mumbai bomb blasts

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (September 8), Abu Salem has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the March 12, 1993 bomb blast case in Mumbai while his two other accomplices Mohammad Tahir Merchant and Firoz Raza Khan have been sentenced to death. Earlier Yaqoob Memon was hanged in 2015 in the same case. Salem started crying after the judgment was pronounced while the other two culprits started reciting verses of Quran and praying. Abu Salem was taken to Taluja jail while others were taken to Arthur Road Jail. Special TADA court sentenced Karimullah to life imprisonment and two lakh fine. If he fails to pay fine he will have to serve two more years in jail. Riyaz Siddiqui was sentenced a 10 year term in jail. This is to recall that these bomb blasts claimed 257 lives and had injured over 700 people destroying properties worth Rs 27 crore.

Leader of Samajwadi Party Abu Asim Azmi said that decision of the 1993 bomb blast was delivered but the verdict on the 1992 Babri mosque demolition has not come as yet. He said that in the aftermath of Babri mosque demolition over 2500 people were killed. All these cases must be reconsidered. He said that the accused of bomb blast were given death sentence but accused of communal riots were roaming free. Not a single rioter was punished. All the riots cases of 1992-93 were quashed and all accused have been discharged.

Commenting on the bomb blast in its editorial **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** on September 8 said that it took 24 years to decide the matter. These accused should have been hanged as many times as the number of people died in these blasts. Relatives of people who died in these blasts must be feeling relieved. Those who are the enemy of humanity, such people must learn a lesson from this decision, and stop ravaging our society at the instigation of Fascist forces.

Hindustan Express in its editorial on September 9 welcomed the decision on Mumbai bomb blast but complained at the same time that no one accused in the Babri mosque demolition case was sentenced after the riots spread in its aftermath. The newspaper also said that Abu Salem was saved from death sentence because he was handed over to the Indian Government by the Portuguese authorities on the condition that he won't be hanged.

VI

Seven foreign Padres arrested

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (September 8), a news report of Saharanpur, six foreign Padres were arrested by the Intelligence department on the complaint of another Padre. The group included five women Padre, some other Padres of the group managed to flee. According to the newspaper, Intelligence department took this action on complaint of a Padre of CNN Church Father John Wilsale. This group of Christian evangelists came to India from South Korea on tourist visa and was living at Naveenpur locality of Saharanpur. This team had a person called Ranvir Sinha who belongs to Assam but is living in Delhi these days. On being questioned, he told Intelligence sleuths that he came to Saharanpur from Delhi along with the foreign Padres. These padres belong to South Korea and Malaysia.

One thousand Rohingya Muslims killed

According to **Inquilab** (September 9), as per United Nations' information, campaign unleashed in Myanmar against Rohingya Muslims has forced at least 2.70 lakh Muslims to take refuge in Bangladesh. Spokesperson of the UN said that this data is very dangerous and there was a need to deal sternly with the situation in Myanmar. Spokesperson said that over a thousand Rohingya Muslims have been killed so far. Rohingyas fleeing Myanmar alleged that Myanmar's Army is setting their houses on fire and attacking them. Buddhists are assisting them while Myanmar Government while rejecting these allegations said that army was taking action against terrorists only. Spokesperson said that army action was spreading to those areas where it wasn't necessary. According to the special representative of United Nations, it is possible that both the sides have been using force but Rohingya Muslims are more targeted. This is to recall that Rohingya Muslims living in Rakhine area are facing discrimination since several years. The Myanmar government was not ready to give them citizenship of the country. They are saying that these people are Bangladeshi infiltrators. The Government claimed that so far 387 Rohingya terrorists have been killed and 15 army men were killed. As per Muslim sources, 600 houses of Rohingya Muslims were demolished so far by the army.

Siyasat in its editorial on September 7 criticized increasing atrocities against Rohingya Muslims and expressed happiness over Turkish President threatening that if Myanmar did not take any action to stop the atrocities than his country would take action to protect its Muslim brothers. President of Iran, Hassan Rouhani also emphasised on the need to protect Rohingya Muslims. The newspaper criticized the fact that world powers are silent over this issue. The newspaper said that neither was Bangladesh Government ready to give refuge to them nor Indian Government was doing anything in the name of humanity. It is important that some tough measures should be taken in this regard. Efforts taken by Foreign Minister of Indonesia also failed to bear fruits. The newspaper criticized that no country was openly supporting their human rights.

Siyasat on September 8 published a news report on the front page in which it was claimed that Israel was supplying arms and ammunitions to the Myanmar Government for action against Muslims. Another news report claimed that the demand from across the world was intensifying to take back the Nobel Peace Prize from Aung San Suu Kyi because she failed to provide security to Rohingya Muslims.

Siyasat on September 9 claimed in a news report published on the front page that Turkey was setting up special relief camps in Bangladesh for Rohingya Muslims who have fled from Myanmar. The same issue published pictures of the protest demonstration in support of Rohingya Muslims in six countries.

Akhbar Mashriq on September 11 claimed in its main news report that Rohingyas have announced ceasefire in Myanmar. As per a news report from BBC, this ceasefire would continue for a month. This is to recall that on August 25, Rohingya terrorists attacked a police post after that

Myanmar Army unleashed a campaign against Rohingya Muslims due to which Rohingya Muslims took refuge in Bangladesh. According to United Nations, to provide relief material to these refugees there was an immediate requirement of \$7.70 billion. There are around 10 lakh Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar but the local Government was saying that they are Bangladeshi infiltrators. Therefore the Myanmar Government refused to provide them citizenship. The Myanmar Government has fixed mines along the Myanmar and Bangladesh border to stop infiltration. The newspaper published statement of a BBC correspondent in which he has informed that the Myanmar Army and its people are running a violent campaign against Rohingya Muslims in a planned manner. According to another news report in the same newspaper, radical Buddhists had set five Muslim dominated villages on fire. The newspaper said that the Army of Myanmar and terrorists are setting Muslim villages on fire.

According to **Hindustan Express** (September 10), Malaysia agreed to provide temporary refuge to Rohingya Muslims. Chief of Merry Times Abu Baqar said that Rohingyas fleeing Myanmar would be provided food and other relief material so they could take their journey further. It is said that over a lakh Rohingya Muslims reached Malaysia. They were arrested by the police but Malaysia refused to give them permanent refuge. The Malaysia government was trying to send them to India. As per informed sources, Rohingya Muslims were trying to reach Andaman Nicobar.

Roznama Rashtriya Sahara on September 5 appealed to the leaders of the world to put pressure on the Myanmar government to stop atrocities against Rohingya Muslims. The newspaper said that Myanmar Government was setting Muslim houses on fire and people running from there are killed by bullets. The Myanmar Government was driving out Rohingya Muslims in a planned manner. Noble laureate Malala Yousafzai expressed concern over the condition of Rohingya Muslims and appealed to the world that they must come forward to save them. She said that the Myanmar Government was not ready to give citizenship to Rohingya Muslims. They are saying Rohingya Muslims are not citizens of Myanmar. Leader of Opposition Political Party, Tahrik e Insaf demanded that Pakistan should convene a special session of Parliament to discuss atrocities against Rohingya Muslims.

According to **Inquilab** (September 2), army intensified its campaign against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine province of Myanmar. More than 400 people got killed in this intensified campaign so far and over 40 thousand people are looking for refuge in Bangladesh. According to United Nations, over 38 thousand people crossed over to reach Bangladesh. Action against Rohingya Muslims started when they had attacked a police and army posts in Myanmar. Rohingya Muslims alleged that they are being evicted forcefully while the Myanmar Government was saying that it was forced to take action as these mischievous elements were targeting police and army. As per the Government sources, armed Rohingya Muslims attacked thirty police stations killing several policemen after which army was deployed. Myanmar police banned entry of journalists in the riot-affected area. According to United Nations, relief camps are being set up in Myanmar. Over one lakh Rohingya Muslims took refuge in Bangladesh in the past one year. This is to recall that there are around 10 lakh Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and there was a constant armed clash between Rohingyas and Buddhists. As per the government sources 13 policemen have been killed so far and 16 other officials have been killed.

According to **Inquilab** (September 4), Myanmar's police and Buddhist terrorists are killing Rohingya Muslims in a planned manner. They are being killed by setting fire on their homes locking them inside those houses. Several countries in the world denounced atrocities against Rohingya. Foreign minister of Britain Boris Johnson appealed to the Myanmar government that it must stop violence immediately. President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan criticised Myanmar's

Army and said that it wants to ethnically cleanse Rohingya Muslims and people ignoring it too are a part of it. He requested the Bangladesh Government to give refuge to Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar. Turkey was ready to help Bangladesh in this regard. Foreign minister of Turkey suggested that a special meeting of Islamic nations must be convened to discuss Rohingya issue. Turkish president is in touch with heads of state of Islamic nations. Saudi Arab demanded that atrocities against Rohingya Muslims must be taken up at United Nations. The Saudi Arab government appealed to the members of Security Council of United Nations to consider this matter on priority basis. Foreign minister of Pakistan expressed concern over atrocities against Rohingya Muslims in a statement and demanded from the Myanmar Government that action must be taken against people targeting them. Spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry said that a meeting of IOC countries would be convened to take up this issue.

According to **Siyasat** (September 7), the main leader of Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi while giving her reaction on the crisis said that misinformation campaign was being done in this regard throughout the world. She claimed that Myanmar Army was actually saving Rohingya Muslims. According to another news report, the Saudi Arab Government announced to give \$50 million to help Rohingya Muslims while wife of the President of Turkey was going to visit Bangladesh to look after the assistance program to Rohingya Muslims. Secretary General of the United Nations demanded from the Myanmar Government that Rohingya Muslims must be provided with citizenship. A program organized in Hyderabad by Muslim organizations criticized the Myanmar Government and demanded citizenship to the Rohingya Muslims in India.



Tension in the relations between Pakistan and the US

According to **Akhbar Mashriq** (August 30), tension has crept in the relations between the US and Pakistan and due to this tension, the US foreign minister cancelled his Pakistan tour. Foreign Ministry of Pakistan informed the US that without any prior information no American official should visit Pakistan and they informed the US that now since it does not have as warm relations as they used to have in the past, in such a situation any US officials who comes to Pakistan without prior information would not be welcomed. It is being said that the committee decided to adopt tough policies towards Pakistan. Foreign ministry of Pakistan informed the US Ambassador to Pakistan about anti-Pakistan speeches in the US Congress. It is said that Pakistani MPs are planning to stage a demonstration in front of US Embassy in Pakistan. It is also said that the US was also planning to reduce the aid being given to Pakistan. External affairs Minister of Pakistan Mohammad Aasif told reporters that the US President does not like Pakistan's relation with China. Pakistan and China are opposing the US policy on Afghanistan. According to informed sources, the US does not like the growing friendship between Pakistan and China.

According to **Inquilab** (August 31), National Assembly of Pakistan passed a resolution criticizing US President Donald Trump for his statements against Pakistan. It was said in the resolution that Pakistan was active in fighting terrorism but the way US President was threatening Pakistan that was condemnable. The resolution also condemned that the US was giving India more importance over Pakistan in the dispute of Afghanistan. The resolution claimed that in the campaign against terrorism over 70 thousand people of Pakistan have been killed and around \$123 billion was lost.

III

Decision on Benazir Bhutto assassination

According to **Inquilab** (September 1), Special Court of Rawalpindi acquitted five accused in the assassination case of Benazir Bhutto while two police officials have been sentenced to 17 years each in jail. Former President Pervez Musharraf has been declared proclaimed offender. This is to recall that Benazir Bhutto was killed in December 2007 in Rawalpindi. The hearing of the case took place inside the jail. The court acquitted five accused Itraz Shah, Sher Jaman, Hasin Gul, Raqafat Hussin and Kali Abdul Rashid due to lack of evidence while former DIG Masood Aziz and SSP Khurram Shahzada were given 17 years in jail and Rs five lakh fine. These two were alleged to be accomplices in Benazir assassination and were alleged to be helping suicide assassins. The court ordered confiscating the property of Pervez Musharraf and declared him as absconding. According to the police, assassination of Benazir was planned by banned terrorist organization Tahrir e Taliban and they handed over the responsibility of killing Benazir to Sayeed aka Bilal and Akman Ullah Masood. In February 2008, the then government handed over the investigation to Scotland Yard of Britain. Later this matter was also investigated by the United Nations. The commission constituted by the United Nations said in its report that had Pervez Musharraf made proper security arrangements Bhutto would not have been killed.

According to **Inquilab** (September 4), former President of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf said that Benazir murder case against him was false and baseless. Recently anti-terrorism court ruled Pervez Musharraf guilty and ordered his property to be confiscated. Pervez said that he was not well and would go to Pakistan as soon as he recovered. As far as confiscating my property was concerned, I will challenge it in the court. On the other hand President of Pakiatan People's Party and husband of Benazir Bhutto Asif Ali Zardari said that he was not satisfied with the judgment of the Court and we will challenge it. Bilawal Bhutto, son of Benazir Bhutto, termed this judgment as unacceptable and disheartening. Asifa Bhutto, daughter of Benazir Bhutto, said that they did not get justice and as long as Pervez Musharraf was not held guilty justice will remain incomplete. She said that the court sentenced the police officials but no action was taken against the real culprits.

IV

Attack on Shia mosque

According to **Akhbar Mashriq** (August 21), three people have been arrested in connection to attack on Shia mosque in Australia. This attack was executed by Islamic terrorist organization ISIS. This attack took place in December 2016 at Imam Ali Islamic Centre. A high level police official said that attacks on places of worship won't be tolerated and this attack was done to frighten Muslims. As per Australian law, the arrested culprits might get life term.

V

Allegation for recruiting terrorist organization

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (August 28), an important Islamic missionary in New York was arrested for recruiting men for terrorist organizations. This person Al Sheikh Faisal belongs to West Indies. It is said that this person was recruiting Muslims for ISIS. This person was arrested in 2003 for recruiting men for terrorist organization in Britain and deported to his country after five years.

VI

Attack on Muhajir leader

According to **Hamara Samaj** (September 4), important Muhajir leader of Karachi and MP, Khwaja Azhar ul Hasan was attacked by some unidentified assailants when he was coming out of a mosque after offering prayer. According to the Government sources, the attackers were in the police uniform. Two people were killed in this attack while five got injured. When assailants tried to escape one of them got killed in the police fire while rest of them escaped.

VII

Russian consulate got closed in the US

According to **Inquilab** (September 2), in a reaction to Russia expelling all the US consulate workers from its country the US too instructed closing down of the San Francisco consulate of Russia. According to the US Foreign Minister, last month Russia expelled 755 US employees from its country so in response to this the action was taken. Spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry said that the Government allowed some offices to remain open so as to defuse tension.

I

Ten billion spent on vacation

According to **Munsif** (August 26), the King of Saudi Arabia spent over 10 billion in Morocco on a vacation and the money was spent on such occasion when the country was undergoing financial crisis and a huge wage cut was implemented in the salary of employees. According to the newspaper, when King of Saudi Arabia, Shah Salman had gone on vacation he had over one thousand people along with him. There is a palace of the King in Tanjawa which was built in 74 acres for his summer vacations. Shah has palaces all across the world but this palace has three helipads. There is a hospital to look after 81-year-old ailing King. Thirty workers of Morocco Royal Guard look after its security. Staffs of the King were lodged in 800 rooms of five star hotels for a month. \$300 was the room rent per day for these rooms. Around 2000 vehicles were arranged for these Royal guests that included 170 luxury cars. During this vacation on an average the spending per guest per day was around \$3.12 lakh. Around \$95 lakh was paid as room rent for these hotels. This is to recall that on two earlier occasions also King visited Morocco for his summer vacation. Last year when Shah Salman came to Morocco he brought 100 Mercedes cars along with him.

II

Dispute between Qatar and Saudi Arabia intensified

According to **Inquilab** (September 10), environment created for the compromise between Saudi Arab and Qatar received a severe jolt when Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammad Bin Salman announced in Doha, the capital of Qatar that he would not participate in any talk or compromise. This is to recall that from the past few days leaders of Saudi Arabia and Qatar were engaged in talks which provided hope that the issue would be resolved soon. According to Saudi news agency SPA, Aamir of Qatar said that it was ready to discuss demands made by Saudi Arabia and its associates. This is to recall that in the month of June, suddenly Saudi Arab and five other countries broke their diplomatic relations with Qatar and started imposing sanctions against it. Saudi Arab and its ally countries alleged that Qatar was encouraging terrorism while Qatar denied it. Saudi Arab placed 13 conditions that included closing down Al Jazeera and deposing Turkish Army from there. Qatar refused to accept these demands. It is said that the US had pressurised Saudi Arab and Qatar to forget differences and come to table for talks so that the Arabic allies of the US are united to face the danger of Iran.

III

New crisis for Indians working in Arab

According to **Siyasat** (August 25), Saudi Arabia has imposed a new visa regulation under which no company would be allowed to employ foreign workers and they would have to employ Saudi

workers. It is said that this decision was taken to look into the deteriorating economic condition of the country and growing unemployment. At present there are around 40 thousand Indian and Pakistani working there. Most of them will soon lose their job. The government has taken a decision that those companies where foreigners are working, their visa should be cancelled and they would be deported back to their respective countries. Informed sources said that Indians working in Saudi Arabia will start coming to India. This will cause economic crisis in several states because they have been remitting money from Saudi Arabia. Indians working in Saudi Arabia mostly belong to Kerala, Telengana and Andhra Pradesh. Unemployment will increase in these states on their return.

IV

Blast in Iraq

According to **Inquilab** (September 4), seven people got killed in a blast at a power plant in Baghdad and 12 got injured. As per the Government spokesperson, Samara which is around 100 kilometres from Baghdad, three suicide bombers entered the power plant and attacked employees there and blew off the power plant. The police reached the spot and killed two attackers. This was the first occasion when an attack took place on Eid.

V

Twenty lakh people observed Haj

According to Delhi-based **Tasir** (September 1), around 20 lakh people from across the world observed Haj and they included 1.70 lakh Indians. The Indian Government had sent a goodwill mission under the leadership of M J Akbar. Hajies sacrificed animal and stoned Satan and this practice continued for two days. The Saudi Arab Government made special arrangements for security of Hajies. As per Government sources, Haj was safe and no accident was reported.

According to **Hindustan Express** (September 1), the Saudi Arab Government claimed that this time round more Hajies came from Qatar in comparison to last year. Around 1564 Hajies of Qatar observed Haj.

According to **Roznama Rashtriya Sahara** (September 2), during Haj 61 Indian Hajies got killed, out of which nine had gone with the help of private tour operators while 52 were sent by the Indian Government. 41 Hajies died in Medina while 20 died in Mecca. Maximum 20 people died from Uttar Pradesh and six Hajies were from Jammu and Kashmir. The editor of the newspaper in its editorial said that imam of mosque Namra in his preaching said that Islam was the religion of peace and appealed to the people that every Muslim must follow instruction of God and must keep away from evil and obscenity.

I

Woman filing petition against Triple Talaq in trouble

According to **Inquilab** (August 28), woman filing case against Triple Talaq in Supreme Court has been ostracized by Muslims. She told reporters that her life has become hell and she was being called Hindu and even her life is under threat. No one in the city was ready to have relations with them. It is being said that since she took the step against Islam, no Muslim will help her. Israt Jahan requested Mamata Banerjee that there was a threat to her life therefore she should be given security. Israt Jahan complained that the State Government was not making any security arrangements for her.

II

Demand for inquiry into the property of President and staff of Waqf Board

According to **Akhbar Mashriq** (September 30), BJP weaver cell Chief, Mohammad Azad Ansari said that properties of Waqf board officials and workers in Uttar Pradesh must be investigated. He alleged that the board was encouraging illegal occupation on Waqf properties. During the time of Azam Khan there was misappropriation to the tunes of billions. He said maximum loot into the Waqf property was done in western Uttar Pradesh. Shops at Jama Masjid Kalan in Saharanpur are rented out at nominal rents and huge bribe was taken in the matter. He said that Waqf properties were being sold to non-Muslims at the will of Waqf board officials. Property worth billions is sold for pennies. There is illegal occupation on Waqf properties in Lucknow. Old cemeteries are broken and new colonies are being developed on the land.

III

Corruption in Yash Bharati award

Inquilab on August 31 alleged that there was a big scam in Yash Bharati award distribution. This is to recall that people getting Yash Bharati award are awarded with a one time award of Rs 11 lakh and Rs 50 thousand lifetime pensions. It is alleged that the Akhilesh Yadav Government gave Yash Bharati Award to 200 people in its 5 year tenure to mostly Samajwadi Party workers or relatives of the Government officials. Out of these 200 people, 150 are such who gave application to get the award. Some of them were awarded on the recommendations of journalists. Former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav said that there was no scam in the award distribution. If the BJP wants, it can give award to its supporters. According to the newspaper, people who have been given Yash Bharati Awards on recommendations of Mulayam Singh Yadav, Shivpal Singh Yadav, Azam Khan and Raja Bhaiya etc. Editor of the Journal of Samajwadi Party was also given this award. The list included wife of Chief Secretary Alok Ranjan and other relatives of the Secretary.

IV

Gang marrying young Muslim girls to old Arabs busted

According to **Siyasat** (August 25), a gang has been busted and 14 people have been arrested for marrying off young girls with old Arabs. This is to recall that it was recently alleged that rich and old Arabs come to Hyderabad to buy bride and these girls are mostly minors belonging to poor families. Arrested people included two brothers from Dubai, Salim and Ibrahim and one Qazi Habib Ali. A middleman supplying young girls to these old Arab men Mohammad Shafi was also arrested. Police Commissioner told reporters that police got information in this regard that two Arabs had come to Hyderabad to buy bride and they were contacting pimps. One such pimp contacted family of Nazia Begum of Akbar Colony and started making arrangements for marriage of a young girl to this Arab. It is said that Arab Sheikh Salim had paid Rs 70000 to the middleman and Rs 40000 to the family while Rs 10000 was given to the Qazi. It is said that he married this girl by deceit. The police arrested 14 members of this gang and more investigation is being done on the matter.

V

Muslims must boycott debate on news channels

According to **Inquilab** (September 7), Muslim leaders appealed to the Muslim Ulemas that they must boycott debates over Islam on TV channels. It is said in the report that TV channels have been debating Islam or issues related to Muslims in which besides the anchor and a maulana, four-five other people are invited who deliberately bring disrepute to Islam. This is the reason that there was an environment against Islam. Even the judiciary is being influenced by these debates. Maulana Yasin Akhtar Musabi said that these debates are preplanned and the participating maulanas' do not get any benefit rather they are at loss. Therefore Islamic Ulema must not participate in such a debate. Mufti Maulana Attaurrahman alleged that such orchestrated debate is organized to defame Islam and target Muslims. So Muslims must not participate in these debates. President of All India Political Council Dr. Taslim Rahmani said that Drama was enacted on these channels and so called Muslim representatives come to these channel to get only popularity.

VI

Shia Ulema's house raided in Kashmir

According to **Hindustan Express** (September 8), National Investigation Agency raided eight places in the Kashmir Valley and several places in Gurugram in connection to foreign funding for terrorist activities in India. The raids started with the famous Shia Ulema Syed Hussain al Mausavi's namaj. In total 27 places were raided in which Rs 2.20 crore cash, documents related to hawala business, several laptop and hard disk were recovered. This is to recall that Agha Hussain announced that he along with other separatists would sit on a dharna in front of NIA office.

VII

Rs. 200 crore to be spent on repairing Qutubshahi mausoleums

According to **Siyasat** (September 9), the Telengana Government announced that Rs 200 Crore will be spent on repairing the Qutubshahi mausoleums. First phase of repairing will end in January next year for which help from Agha Khan Trust was being taken. There are over two dozen such

mausoleums which are around 500-year-old. Mausoleums of all the rulers were built in Hyderabad. Fountains and gardens are also being made along with repairing. The same issue of Siyasat published another report claiming deputy Chief Minister of Telengana Mohammad Mehmood Ali requesting External Affairs Minister, Sushma Swaraj and Ambassador of Bangladesh to India to take immediate action to save lives of Rohingya Muslims. It was claimed in another news report that Commissioner of the United Nations on Refugees made it clear that India can't deport Rohingya Muslims. He said that it doesn't matter if India signed the convention or not.