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**- Prophet Muhammed (PBUH)**

**“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”**

**- Martin Luther King**

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# FOREWORD

Pluralism is an intrinsic characteristic of our nation. The constitution of India envisages to develop an atmosphere of mutual friendship, love coupled with a conducive environment to lead a life of harmony. The protection of human rights is one of the foremost objectives of the Constitution of India. Today the human rights violation is assuming varied dimensions. As such, the protection of human rights must be the first priority of all peace loving Indians.

Terrorism is the most dangerous epidemic faced by our country today. For the advantage of casteist and religio-political benefits and to safeguard the international interests and in the name of internal security the misuse of this term has become routine. Without properly investigating the crimes, the prejudiced approach to crimes have in fact lead to foster the terrorism in our land.

There are many reasons for terrorism. If the roots of extremism and the system which promotes it are set right then the terrorism may be prevented. Any act which terrorizes the public is akin to terrorism. The activities which spread violence and extremist mindset are said to promote terrorism. Those who perpetrated Mumbai attacks, those who prepared it and those who lead it are all terrorists. Those who assassinated Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and those who assassinated the litterateur Dr. M.M. Kalburgi, social activists Govinda Pansare and Narendra Dhabolkar are also terrorists. Be it Kambala palli genocide or mass genocide of Khandamal in Odisha, they exhibit the different dimensions of violence and extremism. Let us introspect how many of them have been prosecuted among those who have masterminded terrorism or communalism? Until those who justify violence and by their rhetoric and speeches achieve communal polarization are active amidst us, we cannot think of a terror free India.

In November 2007, when the Adivasis in Guwahati stood up to reclaim their land and forest rights, they had been tortured. After this incident, Adivasi national liberation front resorted to violence leading to the explosion in Rajdhani express which lead to the death of 7 people. Similarly the links to Mumbai riots leading to the bomb blasts stands exposed by the Shri Krishna commission. If one looks at the standpoint of international level, the attacks lead by the American army at

Iraq and the resulting bloodshed lead to the creation of ISIS extremism! There is no second thought that the transparent violations of human rights in the society will lead to the mass proliferation of violence. In this scenario it is inevitable to explore the fundamental reasons for the spread of terrorism and find solutions to overcome it.

In tune with the tunes of "Islamophobia" at the global level, terrorism is being defined. In the guise of prejudices that is built up, youths are arrested as Muslim criminals and terrorists. They are portrayed as the plotters of the terrorist activities. They become the fodder for the breaking news in news channels. If they are let off as innocents, then it is covered as insignificant news! These acquitted youths are deprived of education & employment and become victims of depression. In reality this predicament betrays the failure of our nation's security apparatus. While those innocent youths, who are discharged as non-offenders, the real perpetrators are still at large. The propensity of prejudicial investigations by the intelligence and the police raises doubts whether they themselves are paving the paths of terrorism? or is it due to the prevailing corrupt elements in our security apparatus? Those of us who are committed to a Nation free from terrorism, violence, oppression and extremist ideologies must rise against these injustices. Only then our nation could be free from terrorism.

If we look at the statistics of 2012, there were 1.27Lakh people were convicted in various cases in India; of which 83% belong to the backward classes, minorities and Dalits. Out of which 27000 are scheduled castes, 17000 scheduled tribes and 22000 are Muslims. The statistics pertaining to under trials are also not different. According to the statistics of 2012, out of 2,55,000 undertrials; 75000 belong to backward classes, 84000 are from Dalits and 53000 are Muslims. It is quite Ironical that even though these communities are lagging behind economically, socially, educationally and politically, our system of democracy has been successful in providing them the space in prisons.

In a report published by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, among the prisoners in Maharashtra 36% are Muslims, while the proportion of Muslims in the total population is 10.6% The minorities commission had sponsored this report. This report is complementary to Sachar Committee Report and human rights report brought out in the State.

If we are delving deep into this problem, the backward classes are being used as tools for communal polarization and political hegemony. Adding to which the mindset that is prevalent against the oppressed classes and the soft corner towards

the upper caste is quite apparently visible to everyone. Those who perpetrated communal riots are decorating top posts and fearlessly moving in their strides. Those innocents arrested under TADA, POTA, AFSPA and UAPA are deprived of speedy trails and are otherwise deprived of humanitarian considerations available in other cases! Here it seems to be a foregone conclusion about the antecedents of the accused. It is a programmed arrests of the accused. It is unfortunate development that backward classes and minority youth become the easy targets.

Massive corruption is rampant in the guise of national security. There is a big racket of arms dealings at the international level. For our national security and external defense, Billions are spent for procuring arms and armaments. In the current budget the expenditure limit has been raised further. Even after spending such huge amounts from the national exchequer, our nation is not free from terrorism, extremism and communalism. In the name of terrorism, big scams take place. In order to have demands for arms and ammunitions at International markets, there ought to be alive the twin faces of terrorism and extremism. Then only the developing nations propose to buy arms from international dealers. In a way terrorism has turned out be an international commodity!

When we analyze the above in the thought provoking words of Prophet Muhammed(PBUH) "Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or he is an oppressed one. People asked, “it is all right to help him if he is oppressed, but how should we help him if he is an oppressor?" The Prophet said, "By preventing him from oppressing others" & also in words of Martin Luther King “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”, we might be able to reach at some solutions. Inspired by these profound words, while strongly opposing the human rights violations, Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO) Karnataka has come up with this book "Terror Free India - Insight & Road Ahead" to create awareness against all kinds of terrorism, Violence, Cruelty, oppression and communalism.

To build an atmosphere of peace, harmony and compassion, to exhibit positive unity amidst diversity is the spirit of Indian culture, let us uphold and strive to make India free from all forms of extremism and terrorism!

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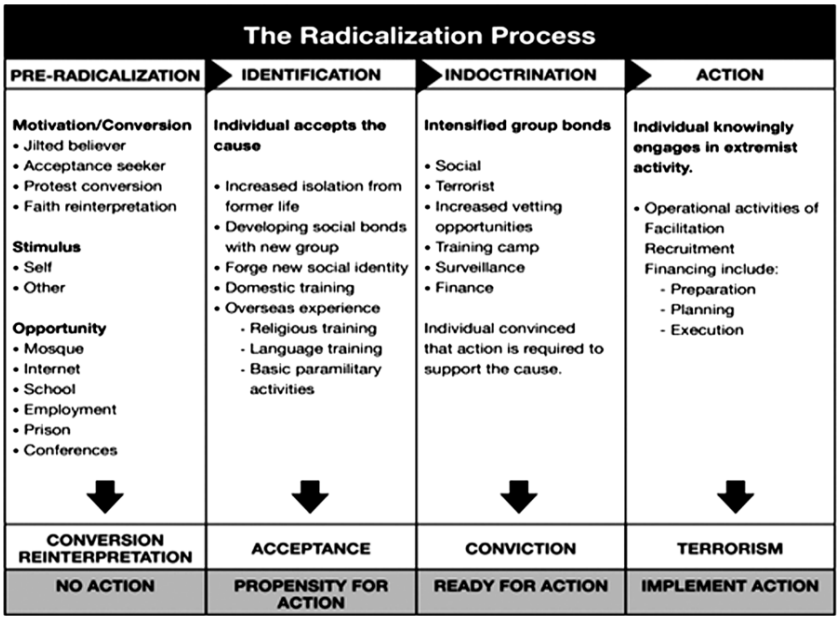
# WAR ON TERROR - A GLOBAL DESIGN FOR ABSOLUTE CONTROL

**- SUHAIL K.K.**

**Let us go by facts:**

All neutral researches clearly prove that the investigation and intelligence apparatus are involved in manufacturing "Terrorists". The design and pattern of manufacturing terrorism, its response, conspiracy theories presented by the police, impunity of intelligence and investigation agencies and anti-terror law enactments are universally and incredibly the same.

The Post globalization era is witnessing a world monopoly based on financial and corporate power. The gap between the rich and poor is widening. As the inequality grows naturally more and more people are becoming desperate. The establishment was forced to come up with a new way to deal with anyone who challenges the system, through strict laws curbing once right to question and rampant militarization of the state. So they gave birth to the "terrorist".



The FBI chart below describes the "Radicalization Process". The chart was published in FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.[1]

The Human Rights Watch report named "Illusion of Justice" released on July 2014 gives the inconvertible evidence that FBI undercover agents and non-agent employees played the most important role in the "Radicalization Process".

"According to multiple studies, nearly 50 percent of the more than 500 federal counterterrorism convictions resulted from informant-based cases; almost 30 percent of those cases were sting operations in which the informant played an active role in the underlying plot. In the case of the "Newburgh Four," for example, a judge said in one case, the government "came up with the crime, provided the means, and removed all relevant obstacles," and in the process, made a terrorist out of a man "whose buffoonery is positively Shakespearean in scope."[2]

Trevor Aaronson, an American investigative journalist did a detailed study on all 500 cases of domestic terrorism in the U.S since 9/11. With reference to court documents he says:

"Informants and their FBI/IB handlers are on the lookout for young Muslims of age 16 to 35 who espouse radical beliefs, are vocal about their disapproval of US's minority policies or have expressed sympathy for international terrorist groups. This information is obtained by monitoring radical forums and chat rooms online and by informants. If they find anyone who meets the criteria, they move him to the next stage: the sting, in which an FBI informant, posing as a terrorist, offers to help facilitate a terrorist attack for the target."[3]

The same was exposed in an interesting Al-Jazeera Documentary named "Informants", which reveals three informants in detail.

The bottom line of the Global War on Terror is, if you don't have terrorists in Muslim community, create one.

**In India....**

Irshad Ali, arrested and accused of being Al-Badr terrorist in India, reveals the same pattern. He elaborates in detail how a terror plot is created by the intelligence agencies colluded with state police and then they "foil" them. Here is an abstract from his letter to the Prime Minister of India written from Tihar Jail:

"Iam writing this letter from Tihar Jail with the aim of saving innocent youths from getting trapped by unscrupulous security officials. My name is Irshad Ali, s/o Mohammad Yunus, incarcerated in ward no. 5 (high risk ward), cell no. 13 in jail no. 8 of Delhi's Tihar Jail....

.... I was working as an informer for the Special Cell of Delhi Police, which works closely with the IB. Having worked with them, I feel duty bound to apprise the nation of how they manufacture terrorists. Have you ever noticed how quick our agencies are in nabbing the culprits even before they strike?....

..... I have the answers.

In order to keep their ranks and earn rewards, Special Cell creates terrorists. They have employed a number of youths on a very paltry remuneration. They are not regular employees, but vagabonds who are given mobile phones and protection. They are asked to fan out and hire accommodation somewhere in the city. They mingle with unemployed youth and befriend people. After identifying vulnerable targets, they form a group, arrange weapons and incite these youth to go for a robbery. Special Cell secretly also provides them a stolen vehicle, which is procured from known car thieves.

These youths who vest all their trust in the Special Cell agent finally one day decide to go for an operation. On reaching the target, they are trapped in the net. The police are already there and they are all nabbed. Interestingly, the agent, who is also a mastermind is never caught.

Medals and bravery awards follow. The Intelligence Bureau (IB) feeds the government and media with concocted stories."[4]

**4 modules of manufacturing terrorism...**

A detailed study of all terrorism cases in India since 9/11 will reveal that there are four modules of manufacturing a terrorism case.

1. Innocents tortured and extracted confessional statements.
   Ex: Akshardham Attack Case.
2. Entrapment by instigation and radicalization.
   Ex: Irshad Ali.
3. Informants themselves entrapped.
   Ex: Abrar Ahmed Malegaon.
4. Criminals labeled as terrorists.
   Ex: Burdwan Blast 2014.

In all these modules the investigating agencies have been proved to be involved and thereafter concocting evidences and fabricating documents and misleading the investigations. Thereby let go the real culprits behind the attacks.

The Honorable Supreme Court of India said this in several occasions. In the parliament attack case, the Supreme Court said that documents were forged,

evidence was fabricated and concocted, sanctions were frivolous and unauthorized, vital procedures were not followed, the investigation was shoddy, often callous, the trial judge was biased and prejudiced and, the human, constitutional and legal rights of the accused were violated.

With such grave complains against al-most every aspect of the investigation and the trial, it is unlikely that the prosecution's story is wholly true. If the story is false even in parts, it is our utmost importance to find out whether the remaining parts, if any, amount to a satisfactory explanation of the event. In other words, we simply cannot take the prosecution's conspiracy theory for granted.[5]

**Yangis, Zionists& Fascists Joined Operation in India!**

For the first time in the history of terrorism after 9/11, a charge sheet submitted by the then Maharashtra ATS chief HemantKarkare with incontrovertible evidence proved that the U.S, Israel and Nepal are directly involved in plotting "Islamic Jihadi Terrorist Attacks" in India. They did it and blamed it on the Muslims!

The police officer who issued charge sheet against U.S, Israel and Hindutva outfit was killed in the first hours of the 63 hours long 26/11 attack.As per the Indian agencies, the person behind the attack was an American CIA agent – David Colman Headley. The Malegaon investigations did not go an inch forward after the 26/11 attacks. That makes the story self-explanatory.

Let us check what's so sensitive about HemantKarkare's findings. The meetings of Abhinav Bharat were video, audio recorded and saved in DayanandPandey's and Swami Praghya Singh Thakur's laptop. Karkare seized the laptops as part of the investigation. The most important expose was that the so-called "Islamic Terrorist Attacks" in various parts of India was actually the joint operation of Abhinav Bharat, Israel and America. The chargesheet was against America and Israel. The transcripts of the discussion in the meeting as acquired from the video is as follows:

**Exhibit: 23 – Translated from Hindi**

Purohit: "If we follow the present [notion of] Hindutva and the constitution ours also shall be the same fate... We will fight the constitution, will fight this nation, this nation is not our's... We shall fight for freedome, Hindu freedome.."

"We have to fight a war of independence and third most important thing is that we have to take this issue to the International forum at the earliest..."

"We are a government, a Hindu central government in exile. We should establish – we should distribute our responsibilities... I shall tell you something – it was never told so far. We accomplished two operations which were successful. I have

the capacity to operation. I can manage equipments... But so far has to decide the target...

**Witness 121 (From Army Edu. Corps.):**

(He developed friendship with purohit for help in procuring land for his project – Sadbhavana Schools)

Lt. Col. Purohit discussed about establishing some progress on some "government in exile" and ministry for procurement... Contacts were established with Israel and Thailand... Ministry of Outsourcing to get few done from people not connected with organisation. Shankarachrya also spoke about government in exile... Purohit talked about cannibalisation of RSS, VHP and forming a pure hinduorganisation and need for an academy of ideological indoctrination. He talked of political excommunication of those who would oppose their Hindu Aryavart Government. Excommunication will be in the form of elimination - killing. By this what did he mean I could not understand [P] also said that he could train the youth and he has the capacity to execute the operations.

**Witness 128 (Translated from Marathi):**

ShriShankaracharya opined that hindu religion must be defended. The religion is endangered. It is our duty to defend it. For this hindus must unite.

Purohit: I have contacted Israel. One of our captains has come back from Israel. They have told him: show us something on ground meaning even our website has not yet been launched. We have simply given them papers to which they advised us to wait and watch for six month. We had asked them for four things:

Continuous and uninterrupted supply of equipments and training; second thing allow to us to start our office with saffron flag in Tel Aviv; number 3: political asylum; number 4: support our cause in UNO that hindu nation is born.

They have agreed for two things but did not accept two. They do not want to fly our national flag in Tel Aviv. They said that our relations with India are improving and we want that; we cannot strain those relations. The other thing they told us that they would not support us on international forum for next two years as long as your movement does not gather movement. Political asylum any time, for equipment and training once we show something on ground - (If) I achieve this. Yet i feel that my sole opinion should not suffice. A council for that must be constituted. We must understand our requirement. Let me tell you more. A meeting with King Gyanendra (Nepal)was scheduled on 24th June 2006 and 2007 last year. Our meeting was fixed on 13th February telephonically. There is one Colonel Prajwal. Prajwal has recently made brigadier in intelligence. We have worked hard for

arranging that meeting. I had this proposal. The king had accepted the proposal. My 20 persons shall be deputed as officers for training; every 6 months; so I shall get 40 persons every year. My 200 persons shall receive training there as Jawans(Cadets). So I shall have 400 cadets in a year. You being an independent nation as for AKs from Czechoslovakia, we will pay the money and the ammunition. It was not a problem (to worry). The king has accepted it. Imagine if such thing materializes swamiji – there would have been no hurry today. Buy inorder to control all this – we have defence minister. We don't call it "defence" – we call it "War Minister". To these organisation we have given various names. We do not call defence. We do not want to stage an Italian revolution because the country is so large in size that we cannot march an army of 50,000. The circumstances prevailing at the present moment; I know - army and BSF have no mutual co-ordination, BSF has none with CRPF. CRPF has none with police as I told earlier if i manage two vehicles... Sir will agree with me and I get them painted and I put sign (marks) on them and send them in Meerut, two vehicles in the unit as military vehicles, donning in uniforms. The vehicle would return after firing and people shall not be able to understand. The army entered and we don't know why did it do so. There is a lot of confusion in the country. We would be great fools if we do not take advantage of this confusion. But for long all these, we must have a council because when even I am taking a decision I should not have a [vain] idea in my mind that I am supreme in the land...

Purohit: "... Swamiji, this hindu society is so worthless (nalayak) – it will never unite.."

Upadhyaya: ... "This constitution is not applicable to us, will not be acceptable to us. Another constitution will come into place, then hindurashtra is established..."

"Two pronged attack..once is government in exile. This council will keep working. Second, what he said, if god wills, if this happens, get 2/3 majority... we shall totally destroy...

... Do you have alternative for BJP.

... Purohit: Proactive efforts to form hindu nation's union – Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia as I told you earlier. This we have incorporated in this, in our constitution. Unification of Budhist and Hindu nation to fight Islamic and Christian invasions.

RP Singh: No no... Hindu, Buddhist and likeminded... live some space..because I shall tell; some very mild Christians are also ready to help us... The originals of America are also to support us.. Live some space..." 6

Not a surprise; Abhinav Bharat, an organization that was undoubtedly proved

to have waged a war against India joining with Israel, U.S and Nepal has not been banned till date! But instead, besides the killing of the investigation officer,as envisioned by Abhinav Bharat, a trialliance between U.S, Israel and India "to resolve terrorism" was evolved soon after the 26/11 attacks!The cover story of Covert Magazine published two months before 26/11 attacks was on "Tri-alliance" on the "India-US-Israel military alliance"

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On 2012 February 13th a bomb exploded in a diplomatic car in New Delhi, wounding Israeli diplomat's wife TilYehoshua (42), a local employee and two passers-by. On 7 March 2012 Delhi police arrested Mohammed Ahmed Kazmiwho was working for an Iranian News Channel, accused him of conducting recce of Israel embassy along with three other Iranian nationals. Mr. Kazmi was charged under various provisions of UAPA, IPC including attempt to murder and Explosive Substance Act. Later Supreme Court of India granted him bail on October 2012. All five people who have been detained were released after questioning.

The Delhi police claimed that a motorcyclist attached a sticky bomb to the Toyota Innova car while the diplomat's wife was on her way to pick her children from school. Interestingly, the same method of attack was used to assassinate an Iranian atomic scientist in Tehran a month back. There was no evidence to connect even the alleged Hoshang Irani the alleged bomber to the alleged incident of sticking the bomb on the car. Main eyewitness says the person who stuck the bomb was riding a red bike whereas the entire case is built up around a black color bike!

Over the past several months before the attack, Israel was working hard to curtail India's ties with Iran as part of its global effort to pose sanctions against Iran for its continued pursuit of nuclear weapons. On the contrary, India was increasing oil imports from Iran. And a week before the attacks, India announced its plans to send a large trade delegation to Iran. India relies on Iran for 12-15 percent of its oil needs. A month before the attack, India increased the oil imports from Iran by over 37 percent through a decision made in the parliament.

One minor blast changed all of this. On the wake of the attack Israel further pushed India to stop buying oil from Iran. All trade negotiations with Iran went in to limbo. The then petroleum minister Veerappa Moily said in Parliament that India had a loss of $8.5 billion (Rs 75,000 Crore) by reducing imports of cheep and best crude oil from Iran on the wake of the attacks. The amount of petroleum that was purchased from Iran was diverted to American Companies, gaining them huge profits. All in the name of an unknown "Terrorist Attack". The amount spent

for the blast costed only some thousands. But the effect it had was profit of billions of dollars for certain companies. This is the new "political economy" of our times. It must also be noted that America and Israel amounts to the largest defense suppliers to India.

III

On 26th July 2008 Ahmedabad was rocked by 17 blasts, killing over 50 innocent civilians and injuring about a 100. The police saw the hands of the "sleeper cell" of SIMI named Indian Mujahideen. An email was received by India TV office from Indian Mujahideen only 5 minutes before the blasts claiming responsibility. Late in the same night, as per newspapers, LeT and HuJI "accepted" the responsibility of the blasts.

When the investigation authorities traced the IP address of the email and the email account allegedly sent by "Indian Mujahideen", they traced it to Kenneth Heywood, an American national, who had hired a flat in Navi Mumbai. He was a Christian preacher and was working as a manger in a Bangalore based company called Campbell White.

While the investigations were on, Kenneth Haywood suddenly left for Delhi airport by an early morning flight on Monday 18 August 2008. The ATS chief HemantKarkare said that he was asked not to leave the country till the enquiry was completed. Apparently it so happened that there was an "error" in Delhi airport in following the lookout notice in respect of him, which allowed him to leave the country!

The Tehelka newspaper revealed that, in India, over 100 US Christian evangelical groups were fronts for the CIA. ('Preparing for the harvest' Article byVK Shashikumar; Tehelka)

**Law Enactments:**

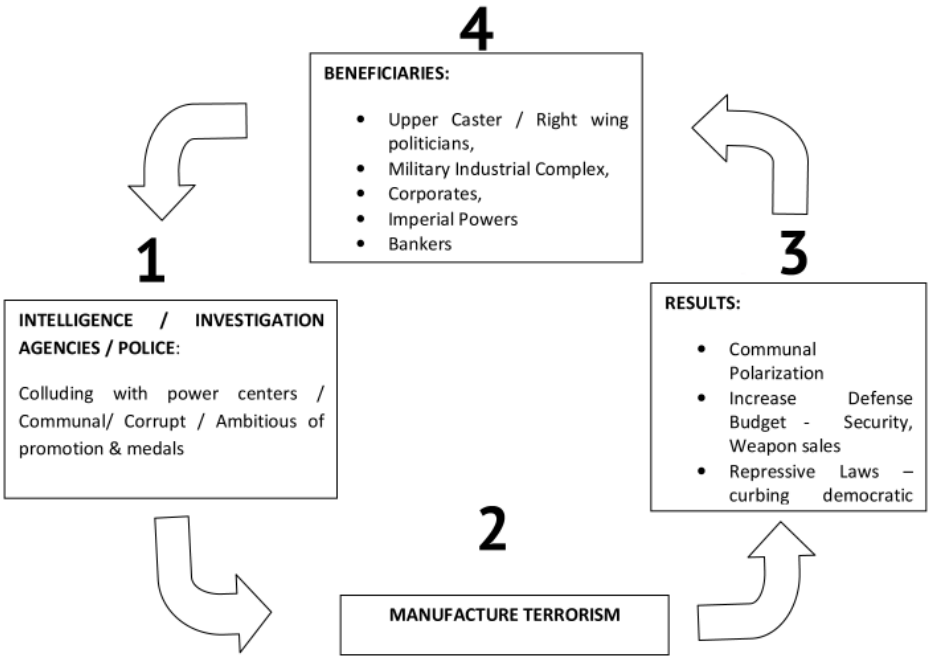
Enactments of all draconian laws are associated with a terror attack. POTA was enacted soon after Parliament Attack 2001. Telegraph Act that enabled intercepting of electronic communications, was enacted soon after 2002 Kolkata American Cultural Center attack. UAPA was amended finally following the 26/11 attacks making it more draconian in nature. Though TADA and POTA have been repealed because of massive protests, we still have AFSPA, MCOCA, KCOCA & GUJCOCA and many other state enacted draconian laws apart from UAPA.

An imaginary devil is created to make you surrender the freedom at your own will. Fear is what makes you surrender your freedom and privacy. Democracy and freedom is still a dream for us. Islamophobia is the nucleus of Global War on Terrorism.

The first preventive detention law was introduced by the British in 1973, and was aimed solely for the purpose of detaining anybody who was regarded as a threat to the British settlement in India. Draconian laws were and prevail to be colonial tools. The UAPA amendment was too dictated by U.S following the 9/11 attacks.The first paragraph of UAPA itself clearly states the reason of the amendment: "Whereas the Security Council of the United Nations in its 4385th meeting adopted Resolution 1373 (2001) on 28th September 2001, under chapter VII of the charter of the United Nations requiring all the states to take measures to combat international terrorism."

**Conclusion:**

The Vicious Circle of Manufacturing Terrorism




The global war on terrorism led by the corporate elite is designed to maximize profit and eliminate voices of political decent across the globe. A unipolar world with no opposition - "Every nation in every region now hasa decision to make - Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists" was what Bush declared in his 9/11 speech. The first level of silencing isthrough draconian laws. The second level is eliminating by extra judicial killings – encounters and drones.The end result of this war is a world ruled by a political elite with no countries, organizations, groups or individuals with political dissent – Anabsolute control of all people and all resources.

Mere protests don't work. There needs to be a strategic response to these tools of massenslavement. Research and advocacy is the first step. A think tank working on terrorism research can strengthen the defense councils of accused through out the country. It will also provide materials for journalists in mainstream media to expose the false stories fed by the intelligence agencies. The timely research papers brought out by this center will also bring a consensus among the various organizations working for the cause. A solid research base must back building awareness and massive people's protests.

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# TERRORISM:
# SYMPTOM OF A DISEASE

**- RAM PUNIYANI**

Last few years have seen many attacks of terror, more so after the ghastly tragedy of 9/11, 2001. Since then many formulations have also been popularized, like all Terrorists are Muslims. The impact of this formulation on the popular psyche has been immensely negative.

After all what is terrorism, is it due to religion or a religious community? As such it is difficult to define terrorism, as some people whom we regard as terrorists, others may regard as freedom fighters, those fighting for a particular cause. LTTE a terrorist organization is looked up a fighting for the cause of rights of Tamils by some. Roughly one can say terrorism is an act which may be done by a state, a group or and individual for a political motive and due to this innocent people get killed. This act is a part of political statement or political purpose. Those acts where there are no deaths but people feel intimidated can also be called as terrorism.

Terrorism is different from communal violence. In communal violence a communal group spreads hatred against a community, and average layers of society are mobilized to attack the minority groups. The Gujarat carnage, Mumbai violence the current Orissa violence (2008) fall in this category. Terrorism is planned secretly and its execution comes as a surprise, communal violence is built up and its perpetrators are easy to locate. In case of Mumbai violence an intense hate atmosphere against minorities was built up through section of media and by word of mouth and then average people were made to believe that minorities are a threat to them and so they should be attacked. In Mumbai it happened in the wake of Babri demolition and in Gujarat it happened after the Godhra train burning. Simply speaking in the latter those guilty of train burning should have been punished but an atmosphere was created against the whole community and poor sections were mobilized to attack them.

Currently in Orissa, the make believe perception that Christian missionaries are converting by force and fraud is ruling the popular mind. As such if we see there is not a single case in the police record where the complaint against missionaries for conversion are registered. Christianity is a very old religion in India and today there population is mere 2.30%. This population of Christians has been on decline from the 2.60 of 1971 to today's 2.30%. Wadhva Committee report which went into the killing of Pastor Graham Stains in 1999, showed that the Pastor was not involved in the acts of conversion and that the Christian population in his area of work was fairly stable. This perception about missionary work has been used to instigate the violence against a tiny minority of the country.

As such terrorism is due to social, economic, political reasons and terrorists have come from all the religions. Let's recall the killer of Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi. Similarly today's biggest terrorist organization is Liberation Tiger of Tamil Elam. The Irish republican Army constituted mainly by Christians has been indulging in the acts of terror in Ireland for long time.

Terrorists are not born. Some youth take to the path of terror due to gross injustice or to such a perception, done to them or their community. This is associated with a feeling that society-state will not give them justice. This was witnessed in Guwahati, in November 2007. A group of Adivasis had come to city for demanding their rights over land and forest resources. They were not only beaten up, also one girl accompanying them was molested. A week later an Adivasi National Liberation front was formed which planted bombs in Guwahati Rajdhani express and in this 7 people were killed. We remember that after the Mumbai violence a group of frustrated-dejected people took help of underworld to plant the bombs in Mumbai trains.

There is another reason of terrorism, and that pertains to the political goals of dominant nations or dominant groups. In the decade of 1970s, when the Russian army occupied Afghanistan, US in order to fight back the Russian army and to control the oil wells, set up Madrassas in Pakistan to indoctrinate the Muslim youth. The indoctrination module was made in Washington. According to this the youth were made to believe that Russians/every Non Muslim is a kafir, killing kafirs is Jihad and sacrifice for Jihad will take you to Jannat (heaven) where 72 virgins will be welcoming you. After defeating the Russian armies the Al Qaeda turned against other South Asian countries and also against US itself. India is a victim of the offshoots of this particular as they now firmly believe what was taught to them in the Madrasssas, specially set up to indoctrinate them, in the territory of Pakistan

by the US.

The other major cause of terrorism is ethno-national, like Srilanka-Jaffna where LTTE came up, in Kashmir, where the issue of autonomy of Kashmir turned to become ethno national one's, the North East where the integration of NE into Indian stream gave the hiccups of terrorism. Similarly Irish Republican army also came up to due ethnic injustices.

Lately we saw the involvement of some Hindutva elements, Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and others in the acts of terror related to the blasts in front of the mosques, Malegaon, Ajmer Dargah etc. This again is due to the indoctrination of the mind by the political process, by ideologies which are totally anti democratic and look at politics in the colors of religion. Here the indoctrination has been done that a particular community is under threat due to another community. One knows that the threat is not due to religious community, but since this politics is based on communal principles they attribute all the reasons to religion and so the misconception are deliberately produced resulting in violence.

The type of terrorism which we witnessed in Mumbai (Nov 2008) is the left over of the Al Qaeda type groups, the indoctrinated one's. Let's remember that once a person is indoctrinated for the political goals, the reversal of such process is practically impossible. Toady the country is the victim of this insane process, which has been the result various global and local political an economic processes.

The need is that we look beyond the symptom of terrorism and try to look at the deeper disease which is infesting the social fabric. Just tightening the security won't do as the terrorists are willing to loose their life for 'their' cause. We have also seen that some global powers may be assisting and promoting them. So we need to revive the role of United Nations at global level and see that the places where terror camps are going are brought to book be international agency. Locally we must ensure that the culprits while being punished without any discrimination; we ensure that our politics is based on ethical and moral values. All those projecting that they are working for religion, religion based nationalism have to be discarded as our principles must be that Religion is a private matter and it should not be mixed with politics. The basis of our political logic has to be the values of Liberty Equality and Fraternity. At global level a democratic arrangement between different nations and undermining the hegemony of dominating nation states has to be aimed at.

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# UNDERSTANDING TERRORISM

**- SYED TANVEER AHMED**

According to Oxford dictionary terror means “extreme fear” and the terrorism is “the unofficial or unauthorized use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims”.

The Indian government has accepted the following definition of terrorism proposed by Alex Schmid and Albert Longman in 1988:

“Terrorism is an anxiety-inspiring method of repeated violent action, employed by (semi) clandestine individual, group or state actors, for idiosyncratic, criminal or political reasons, whereby the direct targets of violence are not the main targets. The immediate human victims of violence are generally chosen random by (targets) of message generators. Threat and violence-based communication processes between terrorist organization, victims and main targets are used to manipulate the main target (audience), turning it into a target of terror, a target of demands or a target of attention, depending on whether intimidation, coercion or propaganda is primarily sought”.

In august 2008, the then National Security Advisor Mr. M.K. Narayan has said that there are as many as 800 terrorist cells operating in the country. As of 2013, 205 of the country’s 608 districts were affected by terrorist activity.

**Classification of terrorism:**

India divides terrorism into following four major types

1. Ethno-nationalist terrorism: This form of terror focuses either on creating a separate state within India or Independent of India or in a neighboring country, or on emphasizing the views/response of one ethnic group against another.
2. Religious terrorism: This form of terror focuses on religious imperatives, a presumed duty or in solidarity for a specific religious group, against one or more religious groups.

3. Left wing terrorism: This form of terror focuses on economic ideology where all the existing socio-political structure is seen to be economically exploitative in …… and a revolutionary change through violent means is essential.
4. Narco terrorism: This form of terror focuses on creating illegal narcotics traffic zones.

**Causes of terrorism:**

Dr. Amy Zalman, president of the World Future Society, Washington describes two major causes of terrorism:

1. Social and political injustice: People choose terrorism when they are trying to right what they perceive to be a social or political or historical wrong- when they have been stripped of their land or rights or denied these.
2. The belief that violence or its threat will be effective, and usher in change.

**Some missing points:**

While discussing terrorism in India we miss focus on certain issues which are potential in germinating terrorism or will provide sufficient stuff making a normal mind to incline towards terrorism. Following are the three agencies:

**1. Political Parties:**

Almost all the Indian political parties indulge into vote-bank politics. Religion is the most effective factor to create and maintain the vote-bank. In the process of maintaining and increasing the vote bank, they embark upon religious emotional issues. They describe another group other than their as instigated some of the worst communal riots which were deadliest than any terrorist attack, dl many incidents were termed as act of ethnic cleansing.

The political leaders of the country use such dl rhetorics which sow the seeds of hate, enmity, mistrust and communal divide. Some of the issues are:

Depicting Muslims as loyal to Pakistan, Uniform Civil Code, Reservations, Babri Masjid, Madrasas and cow slaughter.

It has been observed and reported that certain political parties spread the terror by using religious planks. There is nexus between political parties and religious leaders or so called religious cultural organization. This nexus produces terror, mistrust and enmity. There are scores of incidents those had generated terror in our peaceful society, which were handy work of this nexus. A few were: Babri Masjid issue, Eidgah issue of Hubli, Baba Budangiri issue of Chikamagalur and skirmishes

in the coastal belt of Karnataka.

**2. Media:**

The profit-driven Indian media particularly TV has been serving the dominant, elite, business and political bosses. The media's role in furthering justice and promoting cause of oppressed and voiceless section of the society is very abysmal. Instead the media is engaged in targeting particularly group or community. During this false, concocted, biased and sensational; reporting, media has become cause of spreading terror in the minds of common citizens.

Justice Markandey Katju, in his article: "the role the media should be playing in India" writes:

"The media often divides the people: whenever a bomb blast takes place anywhere in India (whether in Bombay or Bangalore or Delhi or anywhere) within a few hours most TV Channels starts showing that an email or SMS has been received from IM or Jaish-e-Muhammed or Harkatul Jihad-e-Islami claiming responsibility. The name will always be a Muslim name. Now an email or SMS can be sent by a mischievous person who wants communal hatred. Why should they be shown on TV screen and next day in print (the TV news at night often sets the agenda for the print media next morning)? The subtle message being sent by showing this is that all Muslims are terrorist or bomb throwers. In this way the entire Muslim Community in India is demonized, when the truth is that 99 percent people of all communities are good".

**3. Education system:**

In the researched article "Communalization of education", published in Outlook, Feb 13, 2012, the writers viz: Mridula Mukerjee and Aditya Mukherjee writes:

"The current controversy over the nature of history textbooks to be prescribed in schools reflects two completely divergent views of the Indian nation. One of the most important achievements of the Indian national movement, perhaps the greatest mass movement in world history, was the creation of the vision of an open, democratic, and secular and civil libertarian state which was to promote a modern scientific outlook in civil society in independent India. The authors of the NCERT textbooks who are now under attack share this vision of the Indian nation. Over the last fifty years after independence, a valiant effort was made by the Indian people to translate this vision into a reality in India. It is this great effort which is now being threatened by communal forces, which had little to do with the national

movement and in fact, through their loyalist policies, ended up weakening it. These communal forces are now attempting to use history textbooks as instruments to further their vision of a narrow, sectarian and 'Talibanised' Hindu nation.

The communal forces in India are deeply aware that communalism is essentially an ideology, a particular way of looking at society. Hence it is in the ideological sphere that they have focused their efforts. What better place to start than the tender formative minds of young children. Communal forces have tried to poison the minds of young children with hatred and distrust about other communities. For many years now, the RSS, for example, has through its Saraswati Shishu Mandirs and Vidya Bharati primary and secondary schools and through its Shakhas undertaken this project.

They have, for example, in books published by Saraswati Shishu Mandir Prakashan for classes four and five, portrayed all communities other than the Hindus as foreigners in India, wrongly described the medieval period as the Muslim period and following the footsteps of the British, portrayed the period as one of great oppression and decline. These books, in the name of instilling patriotism and velour among Indians, spread falsehoods, treat mythological religious figures like actual historical figures and make absurd claims such as that the Qutab Minar was built by Samudragupta. They claim that Ashoka's advocating of Ahimsa (non-violence) spread "cowardice" and that the struggle for India's freedom became a "religious war" against Muslims, and so on. (It isn't surprising that Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of non-violence and the builder of the freedom struggle as a common struggle of the Hindus and Muslims against British imperialism gets described in their lexicon as a 'Dushtatma'.) ".

In the name of culture, value education, teaching patriotism and morality, if the message of hate through distorted history is promoted through text books, what traits we would be developing in our younger generation. On the other hand, the National Curriculum Frame work of the NCERT says that the qualities like empathy, compassion, understanding, tolerance and brotherhood shall be inculcated among students. To impart these qualities NCERT has suggested that educational institutions shall encourage students in understanding other faiths, cultures and ethnic background. Discuss and debate the issues. The NCERT has advised to internalize the values in the students which are enshrined in the Constitution of India.

**4. Law enforcement agencies:**

It is very unfortunate that our law enforcement agency "police" is still upholding

legacy of British era. In the cases particularly related with terror, its role is highly anti-human. Various commissions, studies and courts including the supreme court of India in many cases have lambasted the police and police officers.

There are ample documented cases of arrests by police wherein innocent youths had undergone pain and agony for the acts which were not committed by them. Many a time police commit this access to please their lords (mainly political) and also to show their efficiency. In doing such wrongs they forget that their act of injustice and oppression is producing terror in the minds of innocents and large section of the society.

Two recently published books viz: "The Islamophobia Industry – How the right manufactures fear of Muslims: by Nathan Lean, published by Pluto Press, London and "The Terror Factory inside the FBI's manufactured War on Terrorism" by Trevor Aaronson, published by IG Publishing house New York"; explain the role of intelligence agencies, particularly of FBI in manufacturing terrorists. No such research work has been done in India, which would expose the role of Intelligence agencies of India in promoting terror. But however certain experts are not happy with the performance and the style in which Indian Intelligence agencies function. It is observed that they also contribute towards causing a terror in the minds of oppressed section of the society.

**Solution:**

Terrorism has been ranked among serious issues that our country is facing. We divide this issue as cross border terrorism and domestic terrorism. Both should be dealt with iron hand. While to contain cross border terrorism we need diplomatic and geo-political expertise. We suggest some simple measures to control domestic terrorism, particularly originating from communalism.

1. Election commission should deal political parties and personalities with iron hand, if they are divulge into spreading hate, communalism and enmity.
2. A national debate should be initiated on the proportionate representation in parliament and assemblies.
3. A concept of consensus democracy shall be introduced in place of majoritarian democracy. This also requires public debate.
4. A concept of citizenship training shall be introduced in the educational institutions to teach the students about how to become good and patriotic citizen. Patriotism shall not mean hating a community; it should mean how to live in a pluralistic society in harmony and peace.

5. The value education shall be introduced in the education system. Values shall be drawn from constitution of India and various religious scriptures which shall promote peace, compassion, understanding, empathy, respect for faiths and cultures.
6. Sensitization of police, intelligence and allied agencies shall be done with regular intervals. It has been observed that many intelligence officers do not understand Urdu language, hence they become biased in understanding some issues related with Muslims, so a few officers should learn the Urdu language.
7. Law shall be made to regulate the media. Social groups shall be formed to act as watch dog and bring the facts and other side of the story, if media play mischief.
8. Police authorities shall be penalized for arrest of innocents and wrongly implicating youths.
9. Government shall reasonably compensate the acquitted youths of terrorism related cases.
10. Civil society should be aggressively engaged in promoting peace, harmony, justice and empathy.
11. The material detrimental to Indian-ness and the pluralistic nature of Indian society shall be removed from syllabus and text books.

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# TERRORISM & INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES

**- AJIT SAHI**

On 11 August, 2014, "The Indian Express" published a story headlined, "Cleared by SC, but they still fear the midnight police knock". Let me start directly with an excerpt from that story for which the reporter visited six former accused nearly three months after the Supreme Court had acquitted them overturning their earlier convictions by a Gujarat trial court in a terror case.

The six men, all Muslims, had been accused of being conspirators of a terror attack by two gunmen at Akshardham Temple at Gujarat's capital city, Gandhinagar, on 24 September 2002 who had killed 33 people. This is what Adam Ajmeri, an accused who the lower court had sentenced to death and who spent 11 years in prison before the apex court acquitted him, told The Indian Express:

"When I walked out of jail and went to New Delhi for a press conference, police took my son to the police station and questioned him about me. They later called me to the police station and asked me question after question," Ajmeri said, sitting outside his shanty at Shahpur.

He said he was questioned about links with terrorists who had been shot down and how the Akshardham attack had been planned. "They claimed it is part of the procedure to call the acquitted to the police station. After the first round, I was called again. My wife was questioned a few days back about what I am doing. There has been no respite," he said.

Qayyum [Mufti Abdul Qayyum Mansuri alias Mufti Baba], who too served 11 years, had been charged with writing letters the crime branch claimed to have found in the pockets of terrorists killed, but the Supreme Court noted that the bodies had a number of bullet wounds while the letters had no bloodstains, mud or bullet holes…

While [Altaf Malek, who was released in 2008 after serving his five-year term]

was in Mumbai recently with Mufti, Ajmeri and Sheikh for a press conference organised by Jamiat-e-Ulema-e-Hind, his family was questioned about his absence, his wife and brother said. “The SC gave us a clean chit and the terrorist label has been removed, but the Gujarat police have become more aggressive,” said Malek, who used to work for an advertising agency in Riyadh and runs a small fabrication business now.

DSP R G Desai, who was Shahpur inspector when Malek was released, confirmed, “Yes, we called the Akshardharm accused to the police station. It was done as part of procedure to ask about case details after their release. We have been told by the authorities to keep a watch on such accused.”

Before I expand on my main argument, let me briefly draw the reader’s attention to one word the police officer quoted in the last para. The DSP uses the word “accused” to refer to the six men, nearly three months after the SC acquitted them. How are they still the accused? He also shies from using the word “acquittal” and prefers “release” in its place. And the last sentence - we have been told by the authorities to keep a watch on such accused - is stunningly honest. It means that the Supreme Court verdict be damned, for the rest of their lives these men will always remain tainted as the “accused” for the police.

It is no small irony that their acquittal by the SC came on 16 May, the very day - indeed, the very hour - that then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi won his Bharatiya Janata Party a landslide win in the Lok Sabha election and set himself up to become India’s prime minister. Five days later, this is what The Indian Express reported on the Akshardham acquittals:

Gujarat Police gave him the “choice” of being implicated in the Godhra train burning, Haren Pandya murder and Akshardham terror, one of the men acquitted by the Supreme Court in the temple attack case alleged on Tuesday.

Mohammed Saleem was eventually sentenced to life under POTA for involvement in the Akshardham case.

On May 16, the day Prime Minister designate Narendra Modi won his historic mandate, the Supreme Court set Saleem and five others free, pulling up the Gujarat Police for framing innocent people, and blaming the then home minister - Modi - for “non-application of mind”. Four of the six men had already spent over 10 years in jail.

“I had been working in Saudi Arabia for 13 years, when they picked me up alleging there was a problem with my passport. They beat me brutally - I still have scars on my back, and I suffered a fracture in my foot. They asked me which case I

wanted to be charged under - Akshardham, Haren Pandya or Godhra. I did not know what to say," Saleem told a press conference addressed by five of the six men in Delhi.

Saleem's daughter was born four months after his arrest. He picked her up in his arms for the first time only after his release - the child is 10 years old now.

The world of Abdul Qaiyum Muftisaab Mohammed Bhai alias Mufti Abdul Qaiyum has changed completely in the 11 years that he spent in jail. His father is dead, and his family no longer lives in their old home. His acquittal by the Supreme Court, Qaiyum said, was "mere release from prison; justice had been buried at every moment in these 11 years".

Qaiyum said the main charge against him was that two letters recovered from the two fidayeen killed in the terror attack had been written by him. He was framed, Qaiyum alleged.

"For three days and nights, they made me copy a letter that they had given me. They (the police) would bring an expert each day to check whether I had copied it well. They would ask me to copy the turns and twists of the Urdu letters so that they looked exactly the same as in the letter. I was very afraid, and did what they told me to do," he said. "Then they claimed in court that I had written the letters."

For most readers, and perhaps even for the reporter, the story is a shocking tale of injustice and misery the fabricated case has caused the accused and their families for all the years before being acquitted. But the real question that needs to be asked here is: if these accused did not commit that crime, then who did?

Indeed, in case after terror case in India in which Muslims have been accused of committing the gravest crimes they have been overwhelmingly found to be innocent either by the trial courts or by higher courts. One of a very important such cases is that of the murder of former Gujarat home minister Haren Pandya in 2003, the only RSS-BJP stalwart politician in the state who was a real challenger to Modi and was therefore a thorn in the eye of the latter. It is a matter of record that the dead man's father openly accused Modi of having a hand in his son's killing.

The state police, however, had already arrested a bunch of Muslims and accused them of killing Pandya. It took eight years for the Gujarat High Court to overturn the trial court's guilty verdict. The question again is: who killed Haren Pandya? To paraphrase a popular Hindi movie in recent years, No One Killed Haren Pandya.

Then there are the many cases of bombings across India, notably in various

cities of U.P. and Maharashtra, apart from high-profile bombings in Hyderabad, Bangalore and New Delhi over the last decade. Most such cases have dragged on for years, keeping the accused in prison without even a hope for bail (ironic that Swami Aseemanand has been given bail on the plea that the case is stretching for far too long).

Let me pick out one such case: the bombing in February 1998 that year in Coimbatore town of Tamil Nadu in which 65 people were killed. The bombing had occurred on the eve of a visit to the town by the BJP leader L K Advani a couple of days before the nation voted to elect a new government. (The BJP had stormed to power at the head of a coalition.) Of the dozens of people who were accused in that case, the most prominent name was that of the Kerala leader, Abdul Nasir Maudani. He spent nine years in prison, during which a bomb attack left him wheelchair-bound. Finally, he was acquitted as were all others. The real culprits behind the Coimbatore bombing were never found. Or should we say that No One Bombed Coimbatore? Meanwhile, Maudani has been accused (framed?) in another case of bombing -- this time in Bangalore, in 2010.

Having read the chargesheet in the case as also having studied the defense in detail, I can say with reasonable certainty that this case, too, would go against the prosecution and eventually lead to Maudani's release.

The point, therefore, is: if no one is ever found guilty of all the bombings across India, then who has been behind it? It is about time that we as news journalists, human rights activists and concerned citizens began asking this question. And we need to directly ask: is it possible that various arms of the State - the police; the opaque, secretive and totally unaccountable intelligence agencies; the counterinsurgency ops - themselves organize such bombings as false flag operations in order to carry out yet newer suspects in a bid to keep millions of Indian citizens in a constant state of fear so that they don't question the State's push to enact more and more draconian laws and arm itself to the teeth? No, this is not some conspiracy theory by a nut case. The security business around the world is worth tens of billions of dollars.

Last month's standoff between the public and the police force in the Ferguson suburb of Missouri state in the US has brought to public focus the incredible levels of arming of the police. A similar push is on in India, too, with American, European and Israeli companies aggressively to up the ante on the sales of arms and ammunitions for the purpose of internal security. Even B and C category towns in India are now buying up metal detectors, x-ray machines and CCTVs to install

at public places. This in itself is translating into billions of dollars of contracts.

Even so, a bigger and more compelling reason to seek a thorough inquiry into the possible complicity of India's police, intelligence and security agencies in the dirty business of bombings is made from the arrests of police officers in Gujarat for the killings of Muslims in what have come to be known as "fake encounters". The charge-sheet in at least one case has named the BJP's current president and Modi's Man Friday, Amit Shah, as an accused. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is prosecuting the case, has also named a number of officials from the Intelligence Bureau. Certainly, the charges are yet to be proved. But the circumstantial evidences in the case (and in other fake encounter cases, too) are compelling.

During a period of about four years beginning in late 2002, a clutch of police officers in Ahmedabad, Gujarat's largest city, periodically intercepted alleged terrorists, claimed to have been sent by the Pakistan-based anti-Indian terror group, Lashkar-e-Toiba, to eliminate Modi, who was then Gujarat's chief minister.

According to Shamshad Pathan, a lawyer who's fighting many of these cases, a total of 17 peoplewere killed, including one Hindu named Tulsi Prajapati, who was the last to be killed before it was spectacularly revealed that all these killings had been fake encounters, or extrajudicial killings done in cold blood.

The most famous of these cases has been that of Ishrat Jahan, a 19-year-old woman who was shot dead on 15 June 2004 in Ahmedabad with three other men she was traveling with in a car. In that case, an Ahmedabad magistrate's inquiry in 2009 found that the encounter was indeed fake. Following an appeal by the Gujarat government against that report, the Gujarat High court set a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of police officers who, too, exposed in 2011 that the encounter had indeed been fake. Whereupon, the high court asked the CBI to take over its prosecution.

Now logic tells us that if those the police were killing had indeed been sent by LeT from Pakistan, then the arrest of these police officers should have emboldened the terror group to send more terrorists! After all, its designs had been frustrated by these very police officers every time. What could be better for LeT than the removal of these police officers from the scene? But the truth is that the terror group in Pakistan stopped sending terrorists right after the police officers' arrests!

Common sense and basic logical thinking also begets several other questions. Why do these so-called Indian Islamic or jihadist terrorists bomb so rarely? Most

perplexingly, they rarely ever choose to attack the arms of the State, most notably the police, that has been giving them grief. Jamia Teachers' Solidarity Association (JTSA), led by Jamia Milia Islamia professor Manisha Sethi, has ably documented how the Special Cell of Delhi Police has been severely castigated by courts in fabricating evidence and framing innocents in terror cases. And yet, the bombings have never targeted the Special Cell. (No, this is not a call to bomb the Special Cell, but a call for simple deductive reasoning.)

If you travel through the Maoist insurgency areas of Chhattisgarh you will find the police stations so fortified as if they are in a war zone. But Delhi Police, or police in any of the states where the terrorists have been active, have felt no need to secure themselves at all. Just why wouldn't the terrorists be interested in attacking the symbols of State?

Then, the periodicity of bombings is also most dubious. Most cities see only one bombing in a year or sometimes in two years. What political motive can there be behind such sporadic bombings? After all, if indeed terror groups are active in India, then they would try and maximize their impact by repeatedly indulging in such acts. A walk back into Punjab of the 1980s would make that point relatable. The Sikh separatists who'd turned into armed militants attacked much more regularly and targeted symbols of State power rather than lob one bomb a year.

And the most perplexing of all is the motive for such bombings. Ever since the police have taken to fingering "Indian Mujahideen" for terror attacks, we have been told that the group's motive is to seek revenge for the 1992 demolition of the Babri Masjid by Hindu zealots in Ayodhya and the killing of Muslims by Hindutva mobs in February-March 2002 in Gujarat. If that indeed is true, it would make the Indian Mujahideen the world's only terror group that has no political objective but only one of revenge. It is also the world's and history's only terrorist group with no identifiable geographical location. Experts around the world will tell you that terrorist groups are known to have (1) a marked political objective, (2) a geographical location of their existence and influence, (3) a clear idea of who they're targeting through their action, and (4) regular attacks. Be it the former LTTE in Sri Lanka, or FARC in Colombia or even the "Islamic State" in Syria and Iraq, they all have met or meet these attributes. But the so-called "Indian Mujahideen" has yet not met any of these attributes and is unlikely to do so. All that the police do is arrest some Muslim youth across the country and accuse them of terror acts in the past and the future. The same police that are regularly attacked and killed by the Maoists and are in constant panic over threats from the rebels in the forests become super

smart and competent to arrest Muslim terrorists with nary a gunfight, leave alone casualties. (The Batla House encounter of September 2009 is not a valid case cited by those who disagree as no independent inquiry has every been made into that incident as we have long been demanding.)

The fact of the matter is that the police as well as the intelligence agencies have long operated with impunity and zero accountability. The intelligence agencies especially have no oversight, unlike in the US where they have to at least report to Congressional committees. One ordinary man's demand for a probe into the killing of his brother in a fake encounter unravelled the obnoxious and repulsive regime of corrupt police officers. A similar effort needs to get underway to investigate the police and intelligence agencies across India into their possible role in the bombings for which hundreds of innocent Muslims have been arrested and sent to prisons to rot away.

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# 'THE BIGGEST DILEMMA IS THE LAW ENFORCING AGENCY, THE POLICE IS NOT FOLLOWING THE LAW'

**- SYED AQLAQ AHMED**

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**What is Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, and why is it necessary for the country like India?**

The UAPA was passed in 1967 in order to curb anti-national activities. This is a very stringent act and was first amended in 2004, followed by 2008. In the last amendment, made in 2012, the financial transactions were brought in the ambit of terrorism. This is a draconian law against which the civil rights organizations have been raising their voice.

During the British rule, Indian Penal Code was introduced to keep a tight leash on the people. But post independence, IPC was not deemed satisfactory and acts such as MESA, UAPA, TADA and POTA were introduced.

TADA and POTA were later abolished in the pretext of large-scale misuse. After abolition of those laws, the UAPA came into existence having all the features of TADA AND POTA; plus additional stringent norms were introduced in 2004, 2008 and in 2012.

**Do such parallel laws exist in other countries too?**

In other countries too such laws exist, like Patriot Act in the Unites States. But there the Intelligence, the Police administration, the Judiciary mean the whole

criminal justice system; is much more transparent and accountable. Dr. Haneef's case in Australia is an example of that system.

In Indian Criminal Justice System there is no accountability. There are no reviews and no provisions for forceful implementation of any recommendations by any committee. Thus we cannot compare them with other countries.

**What is illegal detention?**

To detain anyone into custody there is a set of procedure. If it is followed, the process is called legal detention. If not followed, then it is called illegal detention. Persons are being illegally picked up and detained. The biggest dilemma is the law enforcing agency, the Police, is not following the law and the law is being violated on a large scale, be it against Muslims, Adivasis, Dalits , other marginalized people and downtrodden people. This is not only violation of human rights and civil rights, but it challenges the very safety and security of the people. This is illegal, and strong measures are needed to be done to curb this menace.

**What is the 'politics of terrorism' in the Indian context? Are these arrests of youth of a particular community politically motivated? Or is it happening with other communities and groups as well?**

To understand "terror politics" we have to understand it on the global level. Some people want to have monopoly or control over all the resources of the world, human as well as economic, be it under the soil or above the ground. In a nutshell they want to control everything and we call them Capitalists. Logically, civil society and the governments oppose that and raise their voices.

They (Capitalists) want to install their pawns who can be at the realm of affairs, in government, in media etc. to convince everyone and introduce stringent norms and laws against those who raise the voice of dissent and curb their resistance. In this way these anti-capitalist elements are sometimes detained and even eliminated.

For this it is necessary for capitalists that their puppets are in the position of power be it through democracy, fascism or even military coup. Citizens of any nation will never accept these elements, which loot and plunder their natural resources and sell their lands to foreign companies. Anywhere in the world where these companies go and loot the resources, so many stringent norms are introduced to facilitate these companies.

In India TADA, POTA , UAPA, MCOCA , Chhattisgarh Public Safety Act, Jammu

and Kashmir Safety Act have been introduced to curb the voice of dissent. You cannot think against government policies; if you raise your voice you are detained or killed in the name of national security.

The media and the society turn against you. They are doing this and have been successful in their own way. For this purpose they are beating the drum of terrorism; and in the name of curbing terrorism they need strong intelligence, armed forces, stringent laws and huge unaccounted budget to curb all the voices of dissent.

In this way they occupied countries like Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and so many other countries.

In South Asia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka they are bringing the people of their choice to the power. That is the reason Narendra Modi is the top choice of those corporates. He is the choice because he doesn't tolerate the voice of dissent.

Thus this is a grand collaboration of capitalism and Hindutva ideology. Hindutva ideology has become a prominent factor after independence. They have acquired powerful and prominent positions in the society. And their natural enemies are Muslims, Christians, Communists, Dalits, Adivasis, OBCs and many other such minorities.

They (Capitalists) want people's movement not to go against their policies and facilitate the economic resources remain in the hands of capitalists. In order to facilitate all this they need a reason to bring in such laws; thus all these voices (especially Muslims) are made a target. In this way Capitalist and Fascist forces join hands, and together they want to loot, and this is the backdrop of terror politics in India.

**But, bomb blasts occur frequently and this is a truth…**

Yes, you are right. To understand it we should take a view on some cases of bomb blasts.

In 2006, there was a blast in Malegaon and the name of LeT and HUJI surfaced up in the Media and numbers of Muslim youths were arrested. After five years they were acquitted/ released as innocents. The question is someone must have done it (blasts), but why doesn't real culprit be brought to justice?

In 2007, after the Mecca Masjid blast in Hyderabad, about 70-80 Muslim youths were picked up, tortured, and were forced to sign disclosure statement. But after five years they were released as innocent and it came to light that the people with RSS background were behind the blast.

In 2007 Ajmer Dargah blast case, initially LeT and HUJI were suspected. But in the later investigations, Swami Aseemanand and his colleagues were arrested and finally it was revealed that they were behind Mecca Masjid blast too.

In 2007 Samjautha Express blast in Rajasthan, more than 70 people lost their lives. After the investigations, the NIA found that the Sangh Parivar was behind that.

In 2008 Malegaon blast case, after the investigation, a team led by Hemant Karkare came to a conclusion that Sadhvi Pragya Singh, Dayanand, Colonel Purohit and others from Hidutava organizations like Abhinav Bharat and Jaya Vandemataram were involved in the blast.

The most astonishing fact is that the Colonel Purohit is the person who trained Maharashtra ATS under K.P. Raghuvanshi. Hemanth Karkare in his charge sheet had revealed about the help from Israel, thus providing a link between people associated with Hindutva ideology and the Zionists. These people want a polarized society. This is their politics for the goal of Hindutva Rashtra.

Recently, the Jamia Teacher Association conducted a study on 16 terror cases and found that in some cases police it planted RDX. Good thing is that the court had ordered strict action against the guilty police officials. In the name of national security, laws are misused; real culprits escape and the Muslims are made scapegoats.

Similarly in Chhattisgarh, the Adivasis are being arrested because they show their dissent when their houses are uprooted by the corporates and companies for grabbing the natural resources. In Jharkhand alone 6ooo Adivasis are in jail. Dalits are also arrested on these grounds. Thus internationally it is a capitalist and Zionist agenda, whereas in India it is the capitalist and Hindutva ideology which is hurting Muslims the most.

**Kindly give us a brief introduction of the Association for Protection of Civil Rights (APCR), its activities and how it helps illegal detainees and 'political' prisoners?**

In 2006 it was registered under society act keeping in perspective the large scale violation of human rights and civil rights, and stringent laws such as UAPA, which violate the very fundamental rights for freedom of expression and association.

Illegal detention is not permissible. If someone has committed a crime he/she must be punished as per the law and for this all the procedures should be followed. No one is allowed to violate the law be it a common-man or a police officer.

There have been scores of cases be it Isharat Jahan case or Sohrabuddin case, they were illegally picked and were made to disappear for weeks and then killed in fake encounter. And fake propaganda was spread that they were planning to assassinate Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi.

All the myths have come to broad daylight and guilty are now in jail. Shocking outcome is that the Intelligence Bureau officers had given false leads and in some case they planted AK-47.

The 2002 communal riot in Gujarat was a planned targeted violence against the minority community and thus there was a need for a movement for protection of civil rights and human rights at a mass level. This was also a backdrop for the formation of the APCR. There are other mass movements who are also making their efforts in this field and thus we collaborate on common issues to fight this issue.

The main focus of the APCR is to bring awareness, legal literacy and to train people on the same. The APCR focuses on preparing para-legal activists across the country so that they can raise their voice instantly against human and civil rights violations. Legal guidance is provided to the people, while legal aid is also provided in selected cases. We organize legal awareness campaigns and also national level conventions on selected issues.

**How can students and youths come forward to protect the civil rights which they and their fellow youths are entitled to?**

Present-day youths lack knowledge about the country's legal system, whereas it is highly important for them to know it. It doesn't mean that everyone has to be an expert in law; but awareness and basic knowledge of legal system and procedures is necessary.

I always tell people that they should be aware, organized and struggle for justice. As only awareness is not enough, you should see to it that your human and civil rights are not violated, and should not allow anyone to violate others' rights. To improve and to bring a change, the youths have to take responsibility. If the youths of this nation come forward, our nation can progress towards a better judicial and legal system.

**(Interviewed by Nihal Kidiyooor for "The Companion", English Monthly)**



# TERRORISM-
# A GLOBAL THREAT!!

**- AZHARUDDIN PILAKODAN**

Once Martin Luther King Jr. said; “We are not satisfied and will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.”

The world we are living in is full of turmoil and disturbances. Humanity is going through very hard times. The values of love and affection are under severe threat. The power centers are least bothered about the rights of the human beings. Peace and peace loving people of India are facing very tough times.

Terrorism, Communalism, Casteism, Regionalism, Unmindful and greedy Corporatocracy have devastated thousands of precious lives in India. Among these Terrorism in particular, has become a serious challenge to our national sovereignty, integrity, pluralism and social fabric. Bomb after Bomb, killing innocents and putting lives of common people under constant threat is certainly an alarming national issue. In last three decades there have been more than 60 incidents of terrorism.

Terrorism can be defined as the use of violence to create fear and terror in the minds of people to control them absolutely. Terrorist are not born. As such terrorism is due to social, economic & political reasons. Gross Injustice, Ethno-Nationalism, Political goal of dominancy, indoctrination of minds by ideologies which are anti democratic etc are some of the major reasons for terrorism. Terrorism is not just inflicted by the so called “Terrorists”, sometimes state also uses terrorism to protect their interests. Across the globe this is a known phenomenon. The nexus between the Capitalism and the State is clearly visible in the whole cycle of terrorism.

Law, Judiciary, Political setups are being used for this purpose. After independence many draconian laws has been passed to oppress the dissent or voice against the power centers. TADA, AFSPA, POTA, UAPA. etc are the laws passed by the members of elected house and reviewed by the judicial system of this country. The largest

democracy could declare the citizens as their enemies on suspicion!!! This melee is paradoxical of our great Democracy.

Today Terrorism is both a local and global concern; not a single country is free from this monstrous evil. Young and old, men and women, poor and rich everyone is affected by this yet we can see very little decisive, sincere and result oriented efforts to make India free from the dreadful entanglement of Terrorism. An appalling silence gets broken by a hue and cry of ghastly incidents for a while, followed by token allegations, random arrests of alleged suspects and then again a treacherous silence prevail. It is quite ironical to know that very less percentage of the total terror incidents have seen the actual perpetrators brought to book. How come in this whole mêlée rather than culprits, large numbers of innocents are being persecuted, particular community and believe system is maligned and society is being polarized for vicious purposes both political and otherwise. It's an alarming situation & a matter of serious concern.

Karnataka is included in the list of the hot beds of terrorism. From 2008 onwards more than 45 youths have been arrested. The conviction rate is very low. At the same time it takes years to prove them innocent.

The investigative agencies, the Police and State are equally responsible for the violations of human rights in India. Draconian laws are made to create enemies in the name of security.

The time has come to rise against all forms of terrorism which devastated the lives of human beings across the globe. Irrespective of religion or caste, all should be taken into task for the brutal mistakes done on humanity. Although ensuring safety and security of citizenry is a fundamental duty of the Government and security agencies, the menace of terrorism require a united struggle involving all sections of society irrespective of caste, region or religion. This struggle is for our own self, our near and dear and for humanity at large.

The victims of the violence are in search of defenders of rights. It's a need of the hour to stand united to combat this menace of terrorism. Otherwise, as rightly said by Martin Luther King Jr. "History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people".

Thus, we should stand against the all forms of human rights violations & Terrorism.

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ಬಹು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಸ್ನೇಹ, ಪ್ರೀತಿ, ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮರಸ್ಯದಿಂದ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಪೂರಕವಾದ ವಾತಾವರಣವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂವಿಧಾನವು ನಮಗೆ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ಮಾನವ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯು ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲೊಂದಾದರೂ ಇಂದು ಅದರ ಉಲ್ಲಂಘನೆ ಹಲವಾರು ಸ್ವರೂಪ ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮಾನವ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯು ಪ್ರತಿಯೊರ್ವ ಶಾಂತಿ ಪ್ರಿಯ ಭಾರತೀಯನ ಮೊದಲ ಆದ್ಯತೆಯಾಗಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸ್ಟೂಡೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಇಸ್ಲಾಮಿಕ್ ಆರ್ಗನೈಝೇಶನ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಘಟಕವು ಆಗ್ರಹಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಇಂದು ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಕಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಅಪಾಯಕಾರಿಯಾದ ಪಿಡುಗಾಗಿದೆ. ಜಾತಿ ಧರ್ಮವನ್ನು ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಲಾಭಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾಪಾಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಈ ಪದದ ದುರುಪಯೋಗ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅಪರಾಧಗಳ ಸತ್ಯಾಸತ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೋಧಿಸದೆ ವೂರ್ವಾಗ್ರಹ ಪೀಡಿತ ತನಿಖೆಗಳು ವಾಸ್ತವದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಗೆ ಹಲವಾರು ಕಾರಣಗಳಿವೆ. ಉಗ್ರವಾದದ ಮೂಲವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆ ನೀಡುವ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ನಾಶಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯ. ಜನ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಯವನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕೃತ್ಯವು ಭಯೊತ್ಪಾದನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಿಂಸೆ ಮತ್ತು ಉಗ್ರಗಾಮಿ ಚಿಂತನೆಗಳು ಹರಡುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಮುಂಬೈ ಬಾಂಬ್ ದಾಳಿ ನಡೆಸಿದವರೂ, ಮುಂಬೈ ಗಲಭೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ನೇತೃತ್ವ ವಹಿಸಿದವರೂ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮಹಾತ್ಮಾ ಗಾಂಧಿ, ಇಂದಿರಾ ಗಾಂಧಿ, ರಾಜೀವ್ ಗಾಂಧಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಂದವರೂ ಮತ್ತು ಚಿಂತಕ ಕಲಬುರ್ಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಹೋರಾಟಗಾರರಾದ ಗೋವಿಂದ ಪನ್ಸಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ನರೇಂದ್ರ ದಾಭೋಲ್ಕರ್‌ರನ್ನು ಹತ್ಯೆಗೈದವರೂ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕರೇ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕಂಬಾಲಪಲ್ಲಿ ಹತ್ಯಾಕಾಂಡವಾಗಿರಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕಂದಮಲ್ ನರಹತ್ಯೆಯಾಗಿರಲಿ ಅವುಗಳೆಲ್ಲವೂ ಹಿಂಸೆ ಮತ್ತು ತೀವ್ರವಾದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ವರೂಪಗಳೇ. ಆದರೆ ಇಂದು ಈ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ದಾಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿದವರಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಹಲವಾರು ಕೋಮು ಗಲಭೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನೇತೃತ್ವ ವಹಿಸಿದವರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಶಿಕ್ಷೆಯಾಗಿದೆ? ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಹಿಂಸೆಯನ್ನು ಸಮರ್ಥಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಚೋದನಾಕಾರಿ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಭಾಷಣಗಳಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಲಾಭಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೋಮು ಧ್ರುವೀಕರಣವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವವರು ಇರುವವರೆಗೆ ನಾವು 'ಭಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ಭಾರತ'ದ ಸಂಕಲ್ಪವನ್ನು ಕಾಣಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ.

2007 ನವೆಂಬರ್ ಗುವಾಹಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆದಿವಾಸಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಭೂಮಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಡಿನ ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಾಗಿ ಬೀದಿಗಿಳಿದಾಗ ಅವರನ್ನು ದಮನಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ತದನಂತರ ಆದಿವಾಸಿ ನ್ಯಾಷನಲ್ ಲಿಬರೇಶನ್ ಫ್ರಂಟ್ ಹಿಂಸಾತ್ಮಕ ರೂಪ ಪಡೆದು ರಾಜಧಾನಿ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ರೈಲನ್ನು ಸ್ಫೋಟಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ 7 ಜನರ ಸಾವಿಗೆ ಕಾರಣವಾಯಿತು. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಮುಂಬೈ ಗಲಭೆಗೂ, ಮುಂಬೈ ಬಾಂಬ್ ಸ್ಫೋಟಕ್ಕೂ ಇರುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಕೃಷ್ಣ ಆಯೋಗವು ವರದಿ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು. ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡುವುದಾದರೆ ಅಮೇರಿಕ ಇರಾಕ್‌ನ ಮೇಲೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ ದಾಳಿಯಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾದ ವ್ಯಾಪಕ ರಕ್ತಪಾತವು ಐಎಸ್‌ಐಎಸ್ ಉಗ್ರಗಾಮಿಗಳ ಉಗಮಕ್ಕೆ ನೇರ ಕಾರಣವಾಯಿತು. ಮಾನವ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟ ಉಲ್ಲಂಘನೆಯು ಸಮಾಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂಸೆ ವ್ಯಾಪಕವಾಗಲು ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ಮಾತಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಗಿರುವ ಮೂಲ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಿ ಪರಿಹಾರವನ್ನು ಕಂಡುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕಡೆ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯನ್ನು "ಇಸ್ಲಾಮೋಫೋಬಿಯಾ" ಎಂದು ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ತಾಳಕ್ಕನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರು ಕ್ರಿಮಿನಲ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕರು ಎಂಬ ಈ ಪೂರ್ವಾಗ್ರಹ ಪೀಡಿತ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಅಮಾಯಕ ಯುವಕರ ಬಂಧನಗಳು ತರಾತುರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಅವರನ್ನು ಈ ವಿಧ್ವಂಸಕ ಕೃತ್ಯದ ರೂವಾರಿ ಎಂಬಂತೆ ಬಿಂಬಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಅಮಾಯಕರನ್ನು 'ಬ್ರೇಕಿಂಗ್ ನ್ಯೂಸ್'ಗಾಗಿ ಕಾಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ನ್ಯೂಸ್ ಚಾನೆಲ್‌ಗಳ ಅಹಾರವಾಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅದೇ ಯುವಕರು ನಿರಪರಾಧಿಗಳೆಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾಬೀತುಗೊಂಡಾಗ ಈ ಸುದ್ದಿಯು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಮೂಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ದುರದೃಷ್ಟಕರ. ತತ್ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ರೀತಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮತ್ತು ಉದ್ಯೋಗದಿಂದ ವಂಚಿತರಾಗಿ ಅವರು ಮಾನಸಿಕ ಖಿನ್ನತೆಗೊಳಗಾಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ವಾಸ್ತವದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ವಿಚಾರವು ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದ ಭದ್ರತೆಯ ವೈಫಲ್ಯವನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿ ತೋರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಯುವಕರು ನಿರಪರಾಧಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ನೈಜ ಅಪರಾಧಿಗಳು ಇನ್ನೂ ಕೂಡ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಓಡಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಗುಪ್ತಚರ ಮತ್ತು ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಈ ಪೂರ್ವಾಗ್ರಹ ಪೀಡಿತ ತನಿಖೆ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗೆ ಪೂರಕ ವಾತಾವರಣವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇನೋ ಎಂಬ ಸಂಶಯ ಬಲವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ನೋಡಿ, 2012ರ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಅಂಕಿ ಅಂಶಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅಪರಾಧಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1.27 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮಂದಿ ಆಗಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇ. 83ರಷ್ಟು ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗದವರು ಮತ್ತು ದಲಿತರು ಹಾಗೂ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರು. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ 27 ಸಾವಿರ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ, 17 ಸಾವಿರ ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು 22 ಸಾವಿರ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ವಿಚಾರಣಾಧೀನ ಕೈದಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯು ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಭಿನ್ನವಲ್ಲ. 2012ರ ವರದಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಾರ 2,55,000 ವಿಚಾರಣಾಧೀನ ಕೈದಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 75 ಸಾವಿರ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದವರಾದರೆ, 84 ಸಾವಿರ ದಲಿತರು ಮತ್ತು 53 ಸಾವಿರ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ, ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಅವಕಾಶ ವಂಚಿತರಾಗಿ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದರೂ ಇವರನ್ನು ಜೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡಿ ಹಾಕಲು ನಮ್ಮ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಸಫಲವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟಾಟಾ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ವರದಿಯೊಂದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದ ಜೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕೈದಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರು ಶೇ.36. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಸುಮಾರು ಶೇ 10.6. ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತ ಆಯೋಗ ಈ ವರದಿಯ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಜಕತ್ವವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಈ ವರದಿ ಮಾನವ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಚಾರ್ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ವರದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೂರಕವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳ ಆಳವನ್ನು ಅರಿಯಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುವುದಾದರೆ, ಕೋಮು ಧ್ರುವೀಕರಣದ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗದ ಜನರನ್ನು ಬಳಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಗೋಚರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ದಮನಿತ ವರ್ಗದ ಮೇಲೆ ಇರುವ ಪೂರ್ವಾಗ್ರಹ ಪೀಡಿತ ಮನಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಜಾತಿಯ ಜನರ ಮೇಲೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಇರುವ ಮೃದು ಧೋರಣೆ ಎಂಬುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಗೋಚರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಗಲಭೆಗಳಿಗೆ

ಪ್ರೇರಣೆ ನೀಡಿದವರು ಇಂದು ಉನ್ನತ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿ ರಾಜಾರೋಷವಾಗಿ ನಡೆದಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಇಂದು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಭದ್ರತೆಯ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹುದೊಡ್ಡ ಭ್ರಷ್ಟಾಚಾರಗಳು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯಿಂದ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಾಸ್ತ್ರಗಳ ಖರೀದಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶವು ಆಂತರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಹ್ಯ ಭದ್ರತೆಗಾಗಿ ಕೋಟಿಗಟ್ಟಲೆ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಲದ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ದೇಶದ ಖಜಾನೆಯಿಂದ ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಹಣ ವ್ಯಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೂ ದೇಶವು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ, ಉಗ್ರವಾದ ಮತ್ತು ಕೋಮುವಾದದಿಂದ ಮುಕ್ತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಹಗರಣಗಳೇ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಾಸ್ತ್ರಗಳು ಖರೀದಿಯಾಗಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಉಗ್ರವಾದವು ಜೀವಂತವಿರಬೇಕು. ಆಗ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಬಡ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳು ಶಸ್ತ್ರಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಖರೀದಿಗಾಗಿ ಮುಂದಾಗುವುದು. ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಅಂತಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಯಾಗಿ ಬದಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರವಾದಿ ಮುಹಮ್ಮದ್(ಸ) ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ "ನಿನ್ನ ಸಹೋದರನಿಗೆ ನೀನು ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡು ಅವನು ಅಕ್ರಮಿಯಾಗಿರಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮರ್ದಿತನಾಗಿರಲಿ, ಜನರು ಕೇಳಿದರು "ಪ್ರವಾದಿವರ್ಯರೇ ಮರ್ದಿತನಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದು ನಮಗೆ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಆದರೆ ಅಕ್ರಮಿಗೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು?. ಪ್ರವಾದಿ ಮುಹಮ್ಮದ್ (ಸ) ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಅಕ್ರಮಿಯನ್ನು ಅವನ ಅಕ್ರಮದಿಂದ ತಡೆಯುವುದಾಗಿದೆ".

"ಯಾವುದೇ ಒಂದು ಕಡೆ ಆಗುವ ಅನ್ಯಾಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆ ಇರುವ ನ್ಯಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆದರಿಕೆಯಾಗಿ ಪರಿಣಮಿಸುವುದು" ಎಂಬ ಕಿಂಗ್ ಮಾರ್ಟಿನ್ ಲೂಥರ್‌ರವರ ವಿಶಾಲ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕಂಡುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮಾನವ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಉಲ್ಲಂಘನೆಯನ್ನು ಬಲವಾಗಿ ವಿರೋಧಿಸುವುದರ ಜತೆಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೀತಿಯ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ, ಹಿಂಸೆ, ಕ್ರೌರ್ಯ, ದೌರ್ಜನ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೋಮುವಾದವನ್ನು ನಿಯಂತ್ರಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ, ಸ್ಟೂಡೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಇಸ್ಲಾಮಿಕ್ ಆರ್ಗನೈಝೇಷನ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಘಟಕವು ರಾಜ್ಯಾದ್ಯಂತ "ಭಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ಭಾರತ" ಎಂಬ ಅಭಿಯಾನವನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅಭಿಯಾನದ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ರಾಜ್ಯಾದ್ಯಂತ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಭೆ, ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ, ಪತ್ರಿಕಾಗೋಷ್ಠಿ, ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಶಾಂತಿ, ಸೌಹಾರ್ದತೆ, ಸಾಮರಸ್ಯದಿಂದ ಪರಸ್ಪರ ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ವಿಚಾರಧಾರೆಗಳ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಇರುವ ಭಿನ್ನತೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಏಕತೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸುವುದೇ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಚಿಂತನೆಯ ನೈಜ ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

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# ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಮುಕ್ತ ಭಾರತದ ಸಾಧ್ಯಾಸಾಧ್ಯತೆ...

**– ಏ.ಕೆ. ಕುಕ್ಕಿಲ**

Accuracy

Brevity

Clarity

ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತರ, ವರದಿಗಾರರ, ಸಂಪಾದಕರ.. ಎದುರು ಸದಾ ತೂಗಾಡುತ್ತಲೇ ಇರಬೇಕಾದ ಈ ಮೂರು ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಇವತ್ತು ಯಾವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದೊದಗಿದೆ? ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಮಿತ್ರರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಮಂದಿ ಇವತ್ತು ಖಚಿತತೆ, ಧೈರ್ಯಶೀಲತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟತೆ (ABC) ಎಂಬ ಈ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಸಂಹಿತೆಗೆ ಬದ್ಧವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ? ಸುದ್ದಿಯ ಸತ್ಯಾಸತ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ಬಳಿಕ ವರದಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಹನೆ ಇವತ್ತು ಎಷ್ಟು ಮಂದಿ ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತರಿಗಿದೆ?

Sucess is 90% about your Attitude, 10% about your talent – ಯಶಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬದ್ಧತೆಯ ಪಾಲು ಶೇ. 90 ಆದರೆ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯ ಪಾಲು ಶೇ. 10 – ಎಂದು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯ ಆರೋಪದಲ್ಲಿ 2012 ಆಗಸ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂಧನಕ್ಕೀಡಾಗುವ ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಮೊದಲು ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತ ಮುತೀಉರ್ರಹ್ಮಾನ್ ತನ್ನ ಫೇಸ್‌ಬುಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದ. ಮರುದಿನ ಟಿ.ವಿ. ಚಾನೆಲ್ ಒಂದು ಅದನ್ನು ಹೀಗೆ ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನಿಸಿತು– ತನ್ನ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆತನಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಭರವಸೆ ಇದೆ!' ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಚಾನೆಲ್ – 'ಮುತೀಉರ್ರಹ್ಮಾನನ ತಂದೆ ಪಾಕಿಸ್ತಾನದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ಆತನ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಧಾರಾಳ ಹಣವನ್ನು ರವಾನಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ..' ಎಂದಿತ್ತು. ಆತನಲ್ಲಿ 50 ಕೋಟಿಯಷ್ಟು ಹಣವಿದೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿಯ ಶಿರೂರ್ ಪಾರ್ಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆತನಿಗೆ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಬಂಗಲೆಯಿದೆ.. ಎಂದೆಲ್ಲ ಚಾನೆಲ್‌ಗಳು ಸುದ್ದಿ ಸೋಟಿಸಿದ್ದುವು. ನಿಜವಾಗಿ, ಮುತೀಉರ್ರಹ್ಮಾನ್‌ರ ತಂದೆ 2006 ಜೂನ್ 16ರಂದು ನಿಧನರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಮುತೀಉರ್ರಹ್ಮಾನ್ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಸರಕಾರಿ ಬಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಣ್ಣದೊಂದು ಮನೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಬಂಗಲೆ –ದುಡ್ಡು ಯಾವುದೂ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ,

Calls to Saudi, unravelled plot – ಎಂಬ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 2012 ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ 2ರಂದು ಡೆಕ್ಕನ್ ಕ್ರಾನಿಕಲ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯು ಸುದ್ದಿಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿತ್ತಲ್ಲದೇ ಮುತೀಉರ್ರಹ್ಮಾನನು ಇಡೀ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಮಾಸ್ಟರ್ ಮೈಂಡ್ ಎಂದು ಬರೆಯಿತು. ಕನ್ನಡದ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಂತೂ ಮಾಸ್ಟರ್ ಮೈಂಡ್‌ನಿಂದ ಹಿಡಿದು ಮುಂಬೈ ದಾಳಿಯ ಆರೋಪಿ ಅಬೂಜಂದಲ್‌ನ ವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿದುವು. 2012 ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇವತ್ತು ತಿರುವಿ ಹಾಕುವಾಗ ಇಡೀ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆಯೇ ಅಸಹ್ಯ ಹುಟ್ಟುತ್ತದೆ. ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತರು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಪಾದಕರುಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಾರ್ಹತೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆಯೇ ಅನುಮಾನ ಮೂಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಳಪೆ, ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತ, ಪೂರ್ವಗ್ರಹ ಪೀಡಿತ, ನಿರ್ಲಕ್ಷ್ಯ, ಉದ್ದೇಶಪೂರ್ವಕ.. ಮುಂತಾದ ಯಾವ ಪದ ಬಳಸಿ ಅಂದಿನ ವರದಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸುದ್ದಿಯನ್ನು

ಖಂಡಿಸಿದರೂ ಸಾಕಾಗಲ್ಲ ಅನ್ನಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೂ,

Al Queda corrie threat – ಎಂಬ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 2010 ಡಿ. 9ರಂದು ಬ್ರಿಟನ್ನಿನ ದಿ ಸನ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯು ಸುದ್ದಿಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಅಲ್ ಕೈದಾ ದಾಳಿಯ ಭೀತಿಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಕೊರೋನೇಶನ್ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪೊಲೀಸರು ನಿನ್ನೆ ಇಡೀ ದಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.. ಎಂದು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ 19 ದಿನಗಳ ಬಳಿಕ, there was no specific threat from Al Queda as we reported, we apologise for this misunderstanding. – ನಮ್ಮ ಸುದ್ದಿ ತಪ್ಪಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕ್ಷಮೆ ಯಾಚಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.. ಎಂದು ಬರೆಯಿತು. ಆಸ್ಟ್ರೇಲಿಯಾ ಸರಕಾರವಂತೂ ಡಾ। ಹನೀಫ್‌ರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕ್ಷಮೆ ಯಾಚಿಸಿ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಹಾರವಾಗಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ, ಪೌರತ್ವದ ಕೊಡುಗೆಯನ್ನೂ ನೀಡಿತು. ಇಷ್ಟಿದ್ದೂ, ಮುತೀಉರ್ರಹ್ಮಾನರ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳು ಹೇಗೆ ನಡಕೊಂಡವು? ಬಂಧನದ 7 ತಿಂಗಳ ಬಳಿಕ ಮುತೀಉರ್ರಹ್ಮಾನ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು ಅಮಾಯಕರೆಂದು ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಗೊಂಡರಲ್ಲ, ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳು ಅದನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ್ದಾದರೂ ಹೇಗೆ? ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಗೊಂಡವರು ಅಮಾಯಕರೆಂದಾದರೆ, ನಾವೇ ಅಪರಾಧಿಗಳು ಎಂದು ಅವು ಘೋಷಿಸಿದುವೇ? ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕ್ಷಮೆ ಯಾಚಿಸಿದುವೇ? ತಪ್ಪನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡು ಆತ್ಮಾವಲೋಕನಕ್ಕೆ ಇಳಿದುವೇ? 'ಸುದ್ದಿಯನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಊಹೆಗಳ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುದ್ದಿ ತಯಾರಿಸಬೇಡಿ ಎಂಬ ಕಟ್ಟಾಜ್ಞೆಯನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲ ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತರಿಗೂ ರವಾನಿಸಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದಿಕೊಂಡ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದುವೇ? ಯಾವುದೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. 2012 ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ,

The Delhi car bombing: How the police built a false case– ದೆಹಲಿ ಕಾರ್ ಬಾಂಬ್ ಪ್ರಕರಣ: ಪೊಲೀಸರು ಹೇಗೆ ಸುಳ್ಳು ಕೇಸನ್ನು ಹೆಣೆದರು – ಎಂಬ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಟರ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲೇಖನವೊಂದು ಮೂರು ಕಂತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಯಿತು. ದೆಹಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಇಸ್ರೇಲಿ ರಾಯಭಾರಿಯ ಕಾರಿನ ಮೇಲೆ 2012 ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ದಾಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅದನ್ನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯು ನಿಭಾಯಿಸಿದ ರೀತಿಯನ್ನು ಖ್ಯಾತ ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತ ಗೆರೆತ್ ಪೋರ್ಟರ್ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿದರು.

ದಾಳಿ ನಡೆದ ಬೆನ್ನಿಗೇ ಇಸ್ರೇಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ತನಿಖಾ ತಂಡ ಮತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಗುಪ್ತಚರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಮೊಸಾದ್ ಘಟನಾ ಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದಾಗಿ ಕೆಲವೇ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತ ಮುಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಅಹ್ಮದ್ ಕಾಸ್ಮಿಯನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇರಾನ್‌ನ ಪರ ಧೋರಣೆಯುಳ್ಳ, ದೂರದರ್ಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಉರ್ದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ನಿರೂಪಕರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಮತ್ತು ಟಿ.ವಿ. ಸಂವಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರಾನನ್ನು ಬಲವಾಗಿ ಸಮರ್ಥಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಕಾಸ್ಮಿಯವರ ಬಂಧನ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಒಳಗಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮಾರ್ಚ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಜಾಮೀನು ಅರ್ಜಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಬರುವ ಒಂದೆರಡು ದಿನಗಳ ಮೊದಲು, ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳು ಕಾಸ್ಮಿಯ ಸುತ್ತ ಮತ್ತೆ ಚರ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತವೆ. ಅವರು ತಪ್ಪೊಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ಬರೆಯುತ್ತವೆ. ಜಾಮೀನು ತಿರಸ್ಕೃತಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಇಂಥ ನಿರ್ಣಾಯಕ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಥದ್ದೊಂದು ಸುಳ್ಳು ಸುದ್ದಿ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕಾರಣವೇನು, ಅದರ ಹಿಂದೆ ಇರುವ ಪೊಲೀಸರ ಷಡ್ಯಂತ್ರ.. ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಗೆರೆತ್ ಪೋರ್ಟರ್‌ರು ತಮ್ಮ ಲೇಖನದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಪಡಿಸಿದರು. ಕೆಲವರನ್ನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಿತವಾಗಿ ಮಟ್ಟ ಹಾಕಲು, ಹದ್ದು ಬಸ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿಡಲು ಹೇಗೆ ಷಡ್ಯಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಣೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಳಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅವರು ಇಂಚಿಂಚಾಗಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿದರು.

ಇದೊಂದೇ ಅಲ್ಲ,

2013 ಜುಲೈ 13ರಂದು ಹೆಡ್‌ಲೈನ್ಸ್ ಟುಡೇ ಟಿ.ವಿ. ಚಾನೆಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಟೇಪ್ ಪ್ರಸಾರವಾಯಿತು. 2004ರಲ್ಲಿ ಗುಜರಾತ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಎನ್‌ಕೌಂಟರ್‌ಗೆ ಒಳಗಾದ ಅಮ್ಜದ್ ಅಲಿ ರಾಣಾ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಕ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಲಷ್ಕರೆ ತ್ವಯ್ಬಿಬದ ಕಮಾಂಡರ್ ನಡುವೆ ನಡೆದ ಮಾತುಕತೆ ಇದೆಂದು ಪ್ರಸಾರದ ಆರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾನೆಲ್ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿತು.

ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ತಗಾದೆ ಏನೆಂದರೆ, ಟೇಪ್ ಅನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸಾರ ಮಾಡಿದ ಸಮಯ. ಈ ಟೇಪ್ ಪ್ರಸಾರದ 24 ಗಂಟೆಗಳ ಬಳಿಕ ಸಿಬಿಐಯು ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಚಾರ್ಜ್ ಶೀಟ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಿತ್ತು. ಇಶ್ರತ್ ಜಹಾನ್ ಪ್ರಕರಣವೆಂದು ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ಈ ಎನ್‌ಕೌಂಟರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಐಬಿಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರಾದ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆರೋಪಿ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದಲೇ ಟೇಪ್ ಅನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸಾರ ಮಾಡಿದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೆಲವರು ಆಕ್ಷೇಪವೆತ್ತಿದರು. ಟೇಪ್‌ನ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಾರ್ಹತೆಯನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ಎಂದು ಚಾನೆಲ್‌ನ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರನ್ನು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿದಾಗ ಅವರು ನೋ ಕಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಂದರು. ನಿಜವಾಗಿ, ಐಬಿಯು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಿತವಾಗಿ ಹೆಡ್‌ಲೈನ್ಸ್ ಟುಡೇಗೆ ಆ ಟೇಪ್ ಅನ್ನು ಸೋರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು. ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್‌ರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕವಾಗಿ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ರೂಪಿಸಲು, ಆ ಎನ್‌ಕೌಂಟರನ್ನು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಸಮರ್ಥಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತಾಗಲು ಮತ್ತು ಚಾರ್ಜ್ ಶೀಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್‌ರ ಹೆಸರು ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಗೊಳ್ಳದಿರಲು ಹೆಣೆದ ತಂತ್ರ ಅದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೂ ಆರೋಪಿ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಒಂದು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು (IB) ಸೋರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೇಪ್ ಅನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸಾರ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಒಂದು ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಯಾವ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಿತ್ತು? ಆ ಟೇಪ್‌ನ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಾರ್ಹತೆಯನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಬೇಕಿತ್ತಲ್ಲವೇ? ಸೋರಿಕೆಯಾದ ಸಂದರ್ಭ ಮತ್ತು ಅದನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸಾರ ಮಾಡು ವುದರಿಂದ ಆಗುವ ಪರಿಣಾಮಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಲೋಚಿಸಬೇಕಿತ್ತಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಆ ಟೇಪ್ ನಕಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕೃತಕವಾಗಿ ತಯಾರಿಸಲಾದದ್ದು ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಕೆಲವು ದಿನಗಳ ಬಳಿಕ ಸುದ್ದಿ ಹೊರಬಿತ್ತು.

ನಿಜವಾಗಿ, ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಈ ದೇಶದ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳ ಪಾಲಿಗೆ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯ ಇಶ್ಯೂ. ಬಡತನ, ಹಸಿವು, ನೆರೆ, ಅಪೌಷ್ಟಿಕತೆ.. ಮುಂತಾದ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಚರ್ಚಿಸುವಾಗ ಪಾಲಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆಯನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲಿಸಬೇಕಿಲ್ಲ. ಮೂಲಗಳನ್ನು ಉದ್ಧರಿಸಿ ಯಾವ ಕಟ್ಟುಕತೆಯನ್ನೂ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದರೂ ಸಲ್ಲುವ ಒಂದು ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಇದು. ಮೂಲಗಳನ್ನು ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತ ಓದುಗರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಿಲ್ಲ. ಸುಳ್ಳು ಸುದ್ದಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತರ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆ ರದ್ದಾಗುವ ಭೀತಿಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಯಾಕೆಂದರೆ ಅಂಥದ್ದೊಂದು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕಿರುವ ಈ ಅಗಣಿತ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯವೇ ಇವತ್ತು ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಾರ್ಹತೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅನಾಮಿಕ ಮೂಲಗಳನ್ನು ಉದ್ಧರಿಸಿ ಸುದ್ದಿ ಹೆಣೆಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅಮೇರಿಕದ ದಿ ನ್ಯಾಶನಲ್ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ರೇಡಿಯೋವು ಒಂದು ನಿಯಮವನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಿದೆ. 'ಮೂಲಗಳು ತಿಳಿಸಿವೆ' ಎಂಬ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸುದ್ದಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಆ ಮೂಲಗಳ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಾರ್ಹತೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪಾದಕರು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿರಬೇಕು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗುವ ಸುದ್ದಿಯು ಗಂಭೀರ ಆರೋಪ ಹೊರಿಸುವಂಥದ್ದಾದರೆ, ಆ ಮೂಲಗಳನ್ನು ಅಡಗಿಸದೇ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಆ ನಿಯಮ ಹೇಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೂ, ಈ ನಿಯಮವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡದ್ದೇ ಆಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಾದರೂ ಹೇಗಿರುತ್ತಿತ್ತು? ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗುವ ಶೇ. 99ರಷ್ಟು ಸುದ್ದಿಗಳೂ ಅನಾಮಿಕ ಮೂಲಗಳ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲೇ ರಚಿತವಾದವುಗಳಲ್ಲವೇ? ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ, ಸುದ್ದಿಯನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿ ಎಂದು ಓದುಗರು ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳ ಎದುರು ನಿಂತು ಒತ್ತಾಯಿಸಿದರೆ ಏನಾದೀತು? ಮೂಲಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಬಹಿರಂಗಪಡಿಸಿ ಎಂದು ಚಾನೆಲ್‌ಗಳ ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನೆ ನಡೆಸಿದರೆ ಅವು ಏನುತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಾವು? ಸುದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದೆ ಬಹಿರಂಗಪಡಿಸಬಾರದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬಾರದು (ಪವಿತ್ರ ಕುರ್‌ಆನ್: 49–6) ಎಂಬ ನೀತಿಸಂಹಿತೆಗೇಕೆ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳು ಬದ್ಧವಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ? ಅಂದಹಾಗೆ,

ಗುಜರಾತ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಶೇ. 10. ಆದರೆ ಶೇ. 22 ಮಂದಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜೈಲಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಬಂಗಾಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಶೇ. 25. ಆದರೆ ಜೈಲಲ್ಲಿರುವವರು ಶೇ. 46. ಉತ್ತರ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಇವರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಶೇ. 21.. ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕ್ರೈಮ್ ಬ್ಯೂರೋವು 2011ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಬಂಧಿತರ ಈ ಅಂಕಿ–ಅಂಶಗಳೆಲ್ಲ ಹೇಳುವುದಾದರೂ ಏನನ್ನು?

ನಿಜವಾಗಿ, ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯ ಪಾಲಿಗೆ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಸುಲಭದ ತುತ್ತು. ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಇತರರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸಗಳಿವೆ. ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರು ಬಂಧನಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹರು ಎಂಬೊಂದು ವಾತಾವರಣವನ್ನು ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅನುಮಾನಾಸ್ಪದ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜೈಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವವರಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಂದಿ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರೇ. ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರಲ್ಲಿರುವ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯ ಕೊರತೆ, ಬಡತನ, ಪೊಲೀಸು ಠಾಣೆ– ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗಗಳ ಬಗೆಗಿರುವ ಭಯ, ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳ ಅಪಪ್ರಚಾರಗಳು.. ಒಂದು ಹಂತದವರೆಗೆ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರ ಮೇಲೆ ತೀವ್ರ ಪರಿಣಾಮ ಬೀರಿವೆ. ಸಣ್ಣ–ಪುಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸುವಂತೆ ಈ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನಾರನ್ನೂ ಬಂಧಿಸುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ನಕಲಿ ಎನ್‌ಕೌಂಟರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಲಿಯಾಗಿರುವವರಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇ. 95ಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಂದಿ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರೇ. ಆದರೆ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳು ಇಂಥ ಕಟು ಸತ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ತನ್ನ ಕ್ಯಾಮರಾ ತಿರುಗಿಸುವುದು ತೀರಾ ಕಡಿಮೆ. ಹಾಗಂತ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರು ನೂರು ಶೇಕಡ ಸುಭಗರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಪರಾಧಿಗಳು ಅವರಲ್ಲೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಉಬ್ಬಿಸಿಯೋ ತಿರುಚಿಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ವಿಕೃತಗೊಳಿಸಿಯೋ ಜನರ ಮುಂದೆ ಮಂಡಿಸುವುದೇಕೆ? ಮಾಲೆಗಾಂವ್ ಮಸೀದಿಯ ದನ ಭೂಮಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2006 ಸೆ. 8ರಂದು ಬಾಂಬ್ ಸ್ಫೋಟಗೊಂಡಾಗ, ಪಾಕ್ ಯುವತಿಯ ಸಹಿತ 30 ಮಂದಿ ಸಾವು.. ಎಂದು ಆಂಗ್ಲ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯೊಂದು ವರದಿ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು. ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ಸಾವಿಗೀಡಾದವರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಕಿಸ್ತಾನದವರು ಯಾರೂ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಹಾಗಿದ್ದೂ ಇಂಥ ಸುದ್ದಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣಗಳೇನು? ಪಾಕನ್ನು ಹೆಸರಿಸುವ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರನ್ನು ಕಟಕಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ಅಥವಾ ತನಿಖೆಯ ಹಾದಿಯನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸುವುದರ ಹೊರತು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ಉದ್ದೇಶಗಳಿವೆ? 2011 ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂಬೈ ಮೇಲೆ ನಡೆದ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕ ದಾಳಿಯ ಬಳಿಕ, ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆಂಗ್ಲ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖ್ಯಾತ ನ್ಯಾಯವಾದಿ ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು How to wipe out Islamic terror – ಇಸ್ಲಾಮೀ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕತೆಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮೂಲನಗೊಳಿಸುವುದು ಹೇಗೆ– ಎಂಬ ಲೇಖನ ಬರೆದರು. ಮುಸ್ಲಿಮರ ಮತದಾನದ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಮೊಟಕುಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬಲವಾಗಿ ವಾದಿಸಿದರು. ಇವೆಲ್ಲ ಏನು? ಪದೇ ಪದೇ ಯಾಕೆ ಹೀಗಾಗುತ್ತದೆ?

ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯಿಂದ ಭಾರತವನ್ನು ಮುಕ್ತಗೊಳಿಸುವುದು ಹೇಗೆ ಎಂಬ ಚರ್ಚೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಿತವಾಗಿ ದಿಕ್ಕು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಅಂದ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಇಸ್ಲಾಮಿಕ್ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಎಂದು ಭಾವಿಸುವಷ್ಟು ಆ ಪದವನ್ನು ವಿರೂಪಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. How to wipe out Islamic terror – ಎಂಬ ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಯವರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಇರುವುದು ಈ ವಿಕೃತಿಯೇ. ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಗೆ ಧರ್ಮ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದು ಯಾವಾಗ ಈ ದೇಶ ಖಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಘಂಟಾಘೋಷವಾಗಿ ಸಾರುತ್ತದೋ ಅವಾಗ ಅದರಿಂದ ಮುಕ್ತವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ದಾರಿ ತೆರೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಇಸ್ಲಾಮಿಕ್, ಹಿಂದೂ, ಸಿಖ್ಖ್... ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆ ಗುರುತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಬಯಕೆ. ಮೊಟ್ಟಮೊದಲು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯನ್ನು ಅದರ ಧರ್ಮೀಯ ಹೆಸರಿನಿಂದ ಕಳಚಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೀಗೆ ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯನ್ನು ಒಂಟಿಗೊಳಿಸಿದರೆ ಅದರ ಬೆನ್ನಟ್ಟುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ನಾಶಗೊಳಿಸುವುದು ಕಷ್ಟವಲ್ಲ. ಈ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜಕಾರಣಿಗಳು, ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ, ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗ, ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಸಂಘಟನೆಗಳು ಒಮ್ಮತಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. 'ಲಾಭದ ಆಸೆಯಿಂದ ಹೊರಬಂದು ಕೋಮುವಾದ ಮತ್ತು ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತರಹಿತ ನಿಲುವನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ತಮ್ಮದಾಗಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಬಹುಶಃ ಭಾರತವನ್ನು ಭಯೋತ್ಪಾದನೆಯಿಂದ ಮುಕ್ತಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಇದು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಅನಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

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