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From the Director's Desk

The horrific scenes which we have witnessed over the last eight days from Nuh-Mewat, Haryana, makes my head bow down in shame, as we watch on our TV and mobile screens the horrific violence perpetuated by one religious community against the other.

However, it is not an isolated or the first incident of its kind but a continuation of a hate campaign that has been perpetuated for past several years in the country. Various news reports have shown the involvement of the ruling party leaders, chief ministers, important ministers of the union government, and collusion of the TV channels in sowing seeds of hatred in the country, leading to the suffering of innocent people.

This alarming situation has arisen because of the unabashed and continued series of actions take place under the garb of 'Dharam Sansad', where venom of hate is spread amongst the attendees, to carry it forward. In addition, accused absconders whom the Police is unable to apprehend are openly posting videos on various social media and posting for pictures with arms, banned in the country and calling for an open action against one particular religious community i.e. Muslims in Mewat particularly, in addition to others like the Christians.

Another issue which pains me the most is that while Mewat was burning and people were being killed, our PM and HM deemed fit to keep silent instead of ordering the law and machinery and state chief minister to take stern action against the hardliners.

It would be pertinent here to point out that such actions would not only lower the prestige of India globally, but it would also drive away the foreign investors from cities like Gurugram, where a majority of foreign companies are based, because of the violence and unrest happening next door. And eventually it may translate into poor performance of the Indian corporate sector in the long run.

JEM has started its Monthly Newsletter, from this month onwards, as we felt that by the time our Quarterly Reviews are out, most of the incidents are deleted away from the public's memory. Another factor, which affected this change, was the high number of Hate Crimes in July 2023, which rose to 104 verified incidents, as compared to July 2022, when only 55 such cases were reported. In addition, we have seen a spiral of increased Hate Crime and Speech cases in 2023, which clearly points to a well laid out plan to create communal chaos in the country for pretty selfish gains. Inconsequential issues and incidents are turned into bigger issues just for political gains.

If we want our country to prosper and survive these communal tactics then we'll have to chart a new path ahead, following principles of tolerance, coexistence and communal harmony, for which India is known and praised globally.

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July Roundup

July 2023 witnessed a total of 104 verified Hate Crimes and Speeches cases across India. However, the most significant and horrific hate crimes-related incidents took place during the last two days of the month, i.e. on 30th and 31st July, when the Mewat or Nuh district of Haryana witnessed widespread communal clashes in different towns of the district and the communal wave even touched the financial and corporate hub of the state i.e. Gurugram, when an Imam of a Masjid in Sector 57 of Gurgaon was attacked and murdered along with assaulting grievously two other persons.

Communal violence erupted in the Nuh district on Monday 31st July, during a Hindutva procession by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the Bajrang Dal. By the evening, fresh incidents of communal violence were reported from Gurugram and Sohna.

As of now, seven people have lost their lives in the communal clashes, dozens have been injured, and property worth crores has been destroyed by mobs. The immediate trigger for the violence is said to have been a video featuring the infamous cow vigilante Monu Manesar, reported web portal *thewire.in*.

Monu, who is notorious for his videos calling for anti-Muslim violence and is wanted for murder, had appealed to his followers to join a Hindutva rally in Nuh district of Haryana. This rally was called "Brajmandal" yatra. Such yatras have been organised by VHP leaders at a large-scale since 2021. Monu had claimed that he'd be personally present in the rally. While he has a large number of followers on social media particularly in Haryana, he is also an unpopular name in Mewat due to his videos of vigilantism.

As soon as Monu's video went viral, some Mewati Muslim youngsters responded by posting their own videos, warning the administration not to allow him in Nuh and demanding for his arrest. In their social media posts and meetings with the administration, civil society members also alerted the government to take cognisance of the build-up, but the Haryana administration did not respond.

After the riots, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala alleged that the procession's participants did not fully inform the authorities of their yatra. Haryana's Home Minister Anij Vij alleged that the violence was premeditated.

BJP leader and Member of Parliament from Gurgaon, Rao Inderjit Singh, noted that the participants in the procession acted provocatively by carrying swords and metal lathis.



In February earlier, charred skeletons of two Muslim men were discovered near Loharu police station in Haryana's Bhiwani district, identified later as Nasir and Junaid, and Monu's gang was accused of the killings. Just a few days before the duo's murder, Monu was linked to yet another mysterious death – that of mechanic Waris Khan, whose family accused Manesar of plotting the murder.

In April 2022, at least four videos of mobs attacking and torturing Muslim men in Haryana went viral. They were shared on social media by Monu and the Jamia shooter Rambhakt Gopal. In response to the viral videos, Hindutva leaders organised a 'maha-panchayat'.

Locals also blame Hindutva leader Bittu Bajrangi for his provocative video inciting action against Muslims before the yatra. In the video, Bajrangi said that he's visiting his sasural (Hindi for in-laws' home, here a reference to Mewat) and people should be ready to welcome him. In the background, his supporters are heard saying *jijaji aa rahe hain* (Hindi for 'brother-in-law is coming').

Surendra Jain, the VHP's joint secretary, was spotted at the Nalhar Mahadev Mandir shortly before the outbreak of violence in Nuh. In his purported speech that surfaced on social media and was shared live on Facebook by one Neeraj Vats, he said that Mewat is Krishna's homeland. Later, he targeted the Muslim community, saying, "We need to change Mewat's character."

While communal tensions in the areas have been on the rise for the past two years, the protests against cow vigilantism only escalated after the Nasir and Junaid murder case, especially in the Nuh district. Muslims in the area, including families of the victims of mob lynchings by cow vigilantes, have been demanding the Khattar administration to stop violent raids in Mewat by the likes of Monu Manesar.

An old video of a speech by Congress MLA Maaman Khan made in the Haryana assembly right after the murder of Nasir and Junaid is being circulated by the BJP supporters, who claim it to be the trigger for the Nuh violence.

The 31st July violence has come as a surprise to people, not only outside the Nuh district but also among a majority of people from the Meo community because the Mewat region, has no big history of riots or violence. Though some temples were ransacked in the aftermath of Babri Masjid demolition, reported web portal *thewire.in*.

Hate Crime/Speech Cases in July 2023

Web portal *thescroll.in* reported on 1st July from Mumbai's New Panvel that on 23rd June 2023, Secretary of Nil Angan Cooperative Housing Society, was arrested by the Police for trying to falsely implicate a Muslim flat owner as being connected to the banned organisation - PFI. The Khandeshwar Police in Navi Mumbai said that Eknath Kawde, pasted the notices outside some flats after he had a dispute with one of the flat owners. One of the flat owners, a Hindu, had rented his flat to a Muslim family, and Kawde allegedly wanted to implicate them. The police arrested Kawde under Section 153 of the IPC.

The Times of India reported on 1st July a case of physical attack, as per reports a group of Hindu activists associated with a right-wing Hindu organisation stopped Yasin, Saddam, Zubair, Rashid and Salim, and dragged out five of them from the truck in which they were travelling, on suspicion of transporting cow meat in U.P.'s Ghaziabad. The local Police instead of taking action against the vigilantes, booked Yasin, Saddam, Zubair, Rashid, and Salim, under Section 429 of the IPC and relevant provisions of the U.P. Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, showing clearly the high handedness and partisan way of functioning of the U.P. Police.

We portal *thehindustangazette.com* and several media platforms on 1st July shared a video, in which Hindutva activists could be seen protesting against Jnanasagar International school for celebrating Eid Ul Adha in Karnataka's Hassan District. However, the school Management Committee clarified that they organise school functions to celebrate religious festivals of every religion to make the students aware of the country's diversity and create an atmosphere of peace and spirituality amongst the students.





TV channels *HornbillTV* and *India Today-NE* on 1st July reported from Silchar, Assam that on the occasion of the Eid-ul Adha, cow vigilante groups in Assam's Silchar district resorted to unprovoked violence, disrupted public activities, created ruckus and ransacked Muslim homes while shouting 'Jai Shri Ram' on 29th June 2023. The district administration and Silchar Police launched a campaign to contain the violence and restore normalcy in the area.

Web portal *thequint.com* reported an incident from Mundra, Gujarat on 1st July, where a school principal got suspended for permitting staging a school play by school students on the occasion of Eid-ul Adha. A video that went viral on social media shows students wearing skull caps and performing the play. District Primary Education Officer, Sanjay Parmar was quoted as saying that it was a "lowly act" to "ask Hindu students to wear skullcaps worn by Muslims." The incident apparently shows the depth of intolerance even by an Education Officer, for an act which symbolised the diversity of our country.

Web portal *theobserverpost.com* on 2nd July reported a distressing incident from Bhubaneswar, Odisha, which happened on 17th June when a violent Hindu mob tied two Muslim men with rope, shaved their beards, physically assaulted them and forced them to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'. The incident took place merely 3 kms away from the Chief Minister's residence. The victims, Mohd. Abuzar and Irshad alleged that "A massive crowd of approximately 500 people assembled, forcibly stripped us of our trousers, bound us with ropes, and subjected us to a degrading walk through piles of garbage." The local Police registered a case against two identified individuals, namely Jitua and Rasan Jena, along with 20 unknown suspects under Sections 341, 384, 307 & 427 of the IPC.

Web portal *newslick.com* on 4th July reported yet another case of custodial death of a Muslim man in U.P.'s Baghpat. The victim, Sajjad Abbasi, was accused and arrested in a gambling case by the local Police. According to the family's version Sajjad left home on 2nd July with some friends, but later in the day they received his tortured body. The family

maintains that Abbasi was brutally beaten to the extent that he died in the police custody. His mother said, "He was accused of gambling, but which law kills people for gambling? Moreover, my son was not a gambler." However, the Police denied the charge by the deceased's family. And so far no action has been taken against the police officer involved in torturing Sajjad Abbasi.

Hindi daily *Amar Ujala* and YouTube channel *livehindustan* reported on 4th July that a Muslim resident of Faridabad, Haryana has alleged that Bajrang Dal people took away his cattle stock including 60 cows and 17 goats on allegation of animal cruelty. However, police denied the allegation, saying that local residents approached the police and made complaint against Jamat Ali who owned them. Perplexingly, an FIR has been registered against Jamat Ali's family and not the alleged BD activists.

The Indian Express on 4th July reported another incident of Police atrocity from U.P.'s Hapur district where two communities pelted stones on each other after a heated argument between two neighbours over the stationing of a bullock cart by a Muslim resident outside a Hindu-owned house, turned violent. Acting on a police complaint, police arrested eight of them, all Muslims - Shahrukh, Mohammad Umar, Naushad, Asif, Shufian, Ikhlal, Ashraf, and Sonu and sent them to 14 days judicial custody and are planning to invoke NSA against them.

The Indian Express reported from Kanpur, U.P. on 4th July, that as many as 40 people were booked for offering Namaaz on roads during Eid-ul Adha prayers, in Kanpur alone. Police said, the action was taken despite a government directive against indulging in this practice of offering prayers on roads.

Twitterati shared another video on the social media channels on 3rd July which shows members of Baring Dal, an extremist right-wing organisation, engaged in a scuffle with local Muslims in Police presence in Mewat's Dhauj, Haryana. These goons were also seen threatening and abusing Muslims at the Police station.





Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 3rd July shared a video on its twitter handle in which Bajrang Dal leaders delivered a Hate Speech at Chamba, H.P., justifying boycott of the Muslim community in Himachal. These hate preachers also warned local Hindus not to rent homes and shops within the locality to any Muslim.

Web portals sabrangindia.net and maktoobmedia.com on 3rd July reported a yet another case of hatred against Muslims from Uttarakhand's Dehradun. A video posted on the social media channels showed a Muslim juice seller being harassed and heckled by a female Hindutva activist. She can be heard saying, "I do not eat or drink anything that is made by a Muslim. We do not eat anything that has been spit upon."

A Twitter handle @igopalswami on 3rd July shared a video from an unknown location of Himachal Pradesh, in which a radical Hindutva leader can be seen giving a provocative speech, asking Hindus to keep eyes on Muslims and check their Aadhar cards. He further said "हिमांचल में जिहादियों को तीस दिन का अल्टीमेटम दिया गया है। नहीं मानने पर हिंदू समाज द्वारा "रोको-टोको-टोको" की नीति अपनाने का निर्णय लिया गया है।" (Muslims have been given a 30 days ultimatum to leave Himachal Pradesh, after that it'll be 'Stop, Ask and Shoot'.")

Web portals sabrangindia.in and hindutvawatch.org reported yet another incident of Hate Speech from Maharashtra's Malegaon. A video of the hate speech delivered by Milind Ekbote of *Samast Hindu Aghadi* organisation shows him saying, "If you make our Hindu girls study 'Kalima' in Sayajirao Gaekwad College, we will also come to your madrassa and read *Hanuman Chalisa*. Friends, I have come here to tell you that the whole of Maharashtra is with the Hindus of Malegaon. For many years, these 'Jihadis' committed atrocities in Kashmir, but eventually, all their atrocities came to an end and the tricolour was hoisted at Lal Chowk in Srinagar."

Web portal indiatoday.in on 4th July reported another case of physical and mental harassment of a Muslim man in Telangana's Gajwel town. The man was made to parade semi-naked and forced to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' for urinating near the Shivaji statue by

a group of radical crowd linked to Bajrang Dal, Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Later, the police reached the spot and intervened to control the situation, though no action was taken against those involved in manhandling the accused.

The Times of India on 5th July reported an incident of physical intimidation from Bulandshahar, U.P. The incident in which a 45-years-old Muslim man Mohammed Ehsaan from Bihar was physically attacked by a mob of 50 people while he was collecting donation for a madrassa. A video related to this incident also came to light in which locals were seen forcibly checking the Muslim man's Aadhar card and making him sing the National Anthem to prove his loyalty and nationality. However, the local Police booked Ehsaan under Section 151 of the CrPC and imposed a fine on him. He was later released on bail.

Web portal newslick.com on 6th July reported a case of state-sponsored discriminatory practices from U.P.'s Muzaffarnagar city, where to avoid offending Kanwars, (an annual pilgrimage undertaken by followers of Hindu God Shiva to bring back water from River Ganges from the upper reaches of the Himalayan mountains, barefoot) the local administration not only ordered closing down the meat shops in the city but they were also asked to put-up a black cloth over the shops. When a group of Muslims went to the local Police Station to discuss the issue, all 114 people were booked under Section 151 of the IPC, and the Police officials were not even ready to talk to them about the issue.

The New Indian Express reported on 6th July that the principal of DY Patil High School, Pune, Maharashtra was assaulted by Hindutva activists in the school premises at Talegaon Dabhade area. The principal, Alexander Coates, was attacked by the mob and arrested by the police for allegedly forcing the students of his school to recite Christian prayers.

On 6th July on Twitter, a video surfaced which showed an Islamophobic song depicting Hindu gods targeting Makkah and Madinah went viral, to spread anti-Muslim sentiments amongst communities.





Web portal *newslaundry.com* reported a case of institutional discrimination from Pune's Malwa Taluka on 7th July, where a Muslim man was denied permission by the local municipal authorities to construct a new house. Kasim Mulla, a 73-years-old from Ambegaon in Katraj, had purchased a 4,000-square-foot plot, 50 km away in Kambre Nama village of Mawal Taluka 10 years ago. He initially constructed a 10 by 10 feet structure in April 2023, and applied for its registration in June, as per the house tax rules, to get basic amenities such as power, water, etc. "Registration cannot be done because the concerned person is from the religion of Islam," Kambre Nama, sarpanch (village headman) Vaishali Gaikwad, and deputy sarpanch (deputy headman) Somnath Gaikwad wrote on the front page of the application, and rejected the application. This attitude from local Hindu administrators towards the Muslims shows the level of hate and discrimination, which has percolated down so deep in our society, unfortunately.

Web portal of *indiatoday.in's* fact-checking unit, reported on 7th July about a video of a bearded man giving a provocative speech against Islam making rounds on social media. In fact, the speech was not made by a Muslim scholar but by a Hindu preacher. In the clip that was little more than two minutes long, the man implored Hindus to read their own scriptures and asked why 90 crore Hindus were scared of 25 crore Muslims in India. He asked if their faith had taught Hindus to do nothing when their "mothers and sisters are killed and made the target of love jihad." AFWA's investigation found that the man is not a Muslim scholar. He is a Hindu preacher called Acharya Prashant Sharma who regularly opines on Hindu issues through videos on social media. AFWA contacted Sharma, a resident of Morena, Madhya Pradesh, who confirmed that it was him in the video. "It is my video. I had posted a small chunk from a longer video on Twitter and that has become viral. Now people from WhatsApp university are sharing it as a remark from a Muslim scholar," Sharma said.

The Indian Express on 8th July reported a case of urinating on a man belonging to a tribal community



in M.P.'s Sidhi district. Later, the Police arrested Pravesh Shukla, accused of urinating on the victim, Dashmat Rawat, after a video of the incident went viral on social media platforms. Following which the police registered a case against the accused and arrested him.

TV channel *ZeeNews* on 8th July, reported an incident of physical attack from Gwalior, M.P. In a video shared on Twitter, some unidentified miscreants were seen beating a Muslim youth, Mohsin, and forced him to lick their feet. As per the *ZeeNews* coverage, police and M.P. government are investigating the case, but no FIR has been filed so far.

TV channel *News18* on 9th July reported a horrific incident from U.P.'s Sonbhadra district, where a man belonging to the Dalit community was slapped and forced to lick the slippers of an upper-caste person, following an altercation. The video further showed the victim was also forced to perform sit-ups holding his ears. As per the report, the Police booked the accused Tejbali Singh involved in the incident, under the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe Act (Prevention of Atrocity Act) 1989 (SC/ST Act), along with other relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code.

The Times of India on 9th July reported a case of stone pelting from M.P.'s Shajapur town, where some Hindu upper caste miscreants allegedly objected to a DJ playing at the marriage of a Dalit, which led to a communal clash. The Police registered an FIR naming people from both the sides.

Hindustan Times of 9th July reported a case of moral policing from Davangere, Karnataka, where two radical men physically assaulted two Muslim men while they were going to watch a movie with a Hindu female friend. As per the Police account, "They assaulted Mohammed Subani (22) and Ibrahim (21) for accompanying a Hindu girl to a cinema theatre in Davanagere on Thursday. The accused also made a video of the assault and shared it on social media. After the video clip went viral, the girl filed a police complaint on Friday." The Davanagere Police arrested two people - Dodesh and Lingaraju for allegedly assaulting two men from the Muslim community and engaging in moral policing.



Web portals clarionindia.net, hindutvawatch.org, and sabrangindia.in on 9th July reported a case from H.P., accompanied with a video clip which shows a *Hindu Janjagan Manch* leader Kamal Gautam delivering a Hate Speech against Muslims, claiming he got a mosque demolished in Bilaspur a few days back, pitched for an economic boycott of Muslims and threatened violence. Curiously, Gautam is also a teacher in a government school and as per laws he is not entitled to deliver or take part in such activity, but still no action has been taken against him.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 10th July reported another case of Islamophobia and hatred against Muslims in Chaukhutia, Almora, Uttarakhand. In the video, right-wing Hindu groups while organising a rally against “love jihad,” are heard making hate slogans against Muslims like, “मुल्लो का ना काजी का ये देश है वीर शिवा जी का” (This country doesn’t belong to Mullahs and Qazis (Muslims), it is the country of Veer Shivaji (Hindus)).

Times of India reported on 11th July that in a video shared on Twitter from Muzaffarnagar, U.P. a group of women could be seen talking to the media that a minor girl, Naghma, was kidnaped by Satish with the help of his friends. Her (Naghma’s) mother alleged that, entire family is involved in this matter. As per her account, no action has been taken by the Police, even though an FIR was lodged with the Police. Police said a case has been registered against all the three accused under IPC sections 354 (Assault or criminal force to outrage her modesty), 363 (Punishment for kidnapping), and PoCSO Act (Protection of children from sexual offence Act) at Nagar Kotwali police station, and they have been sent to jail after being produced in the court.

Web portals hindutvawatch.org and cjp.org.in on 11th July reported about a video posted on Twitter which shows Kajal Shingala *aka* Kajal Hindustani, a notorious hate preacher, delivering a Hate Speech against the Muslim community at an event

in Anand, Gujarat, urging Hindus to get awakened and act against the Muslims besides peddling various other anti-Muslim contentious theories.

Hindustan Times reported on 12th July about an incident from Manglaur town, Haridwar in Uttarakhand. The incident took place on 10th July and as per reports, a mob of Kanwariyas (devotees of Lord Shiva) in Haridwar vandalised a car and attacked the driver after one of the Kanwariya devotee was allegedly hit by the car, as per the video posted on social media. The attack occurred amid police presence, however, the Haridwar police issued a statement on Facebook and denied any communal angle in the incident. The Police statement said that, “This incident has no connection with any particular community and on the complaint of local resident Pratap Singh, the owner of the damaged car, the Haridwar Police have registered a case and arrested two persons in the said case, and the legal action is on”, this showed that the car driver was not a Muslim but a Hindu, contrary to what was being circulated on the social media channels to create communal animosity.

Web portal theobserverpost.com on 12th July reported a case of physical attack on a Muslim from Rajasthan’s Bhilwara city. According to the report, a Muslim man was beaten and forced to chant, ‘Jai Shri Ram’, a Hindu religious slogan by a group of assailants on 8th July in Bhilwara. Saheb Ali Khan - 21, suffered severe injuries and physical trauma after the assault. They attackers also hurled derogatory slurs at him, referring to him as a “katwa,” aimed at insulting his religious identity. The police have filed a case against seven individuals, under Sections 143, 323, 341, 307 and 295A of the IPC.

Web portal thenewsminute.com reported another incident of custodial death from Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 12th July. A 25-years-old Dalit man named Sridhar died hours after the MGR Nagar police in Chennai questioned him. In the last two years, this is the third instance in Chennai, where an individual has died hours after police interrogation. Sridhar’s family members have raised questions regarding





the circumstances leading to his death waiting for the postmortem report. The Chennai police have registered a case under Section 174 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) and an investigation is underway.

Web portal siasat.com on 12th July reported yet another case of religious discrimination and Islamophobia from Sonkatch, M.P. A Hindutva group named *Sarva Hindu Samaj* organised a rally in opposition to a shop located in the MG Market area and claims were made that the shop was allegedly constructed on encroached land. However, denying the claims, members of a Muslim organisation in Sonkatch said the shop was built with proper paperwork and registration with local authorities. This shows that even on a slightest pretext the Hindu majority can organise action against the minorities, anywhere in India, and they will not be blamed at all.

Web portals hindutvawatch.org, cjp.org.in and siasat.com on 12th July reported that a rally was jointly organised at Dhanbad, Jharkhand, by *Hindu Janajagruti* and *Tarun Hindu*, two local Hindu organisations to protest against the Waqf Board Act and the perceived conspiracy of “Land Jihad.” As per the details, participants demanded the repeal of the Waqf Board Act and the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code in the country, the two electoral promises made by the ruling BJP for next year’s general elections, showing that the ground level work has already started for the next general elections.

Web portals clarionindia.net and sabrangindia.in on 12th July reported a yet another instance of hate speech delivered by right-wing leaders at an event held at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi, organised by *AHP-International Hindu Parishad*, lead by Pravin Togadia. At the event, Hindutva leaders unabashedly issued explicit calls for violence against Muslims calling them ‘jihadi’ in a derogatory manner. One of the speakers, Samiksha Singh can be heard saying “every Jihadi will lose when a Kattar (hardline) Hindu will kill. Another said, “They just have one goal which is ‘Ghazwa-e Hind’. We should also have one goal which is to establish ‘Akhand Hindu Bharat’.”

Web portal journalmirror.com on 13th July based on a tweet reported an incident from Bihar’s Sitamarhi’s Bathnaha police station where a Maktab (Madrassa) was vandalised by extremist Hindus and the madrassa students and Maulana were physically attacked. As per twitter video, the entire Madrassa was put on fire, after miscreants demolished it. Though the local Police registered a case against unidentified men, but so far no arrests have been made.

Web portal maktoobmedia.com on 13th July, reported another incident of mob lynching from Jasola, New Delhi. Tauqeer Ahmed Khan, a 24-years-old Muslim youth alleged that he was beaten by men wearing saffron scarves in the national capital in broad daylight. As per the victim’s account, “I was going to Jasola in an e-rickshaw. As I stepped off it, at around 3 pm, some men came towards me and started beating me even before I could ask or speak anything.” Even after a written complaint, Police did not file an FIR in the case.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 13th July reported an incident covered by US-based IAMC, according to which, Bajrang Dal people from Jharkhand’s Jamtara area, tied a Muslim man’s hands with rope and interrogated him over suspicion of carrying beef. In a video of the incident, the Muslim man can be seen being assaulted by Bajrang Dal goons questioning him about his identity and presence in the area.

Hindustan Times of 15th July reported yet another case of Islamophobia from Bengaluru, Karnataka. In a video shared on social media, an unidentified woman was heard asking a bus conductor if his skullcap is a part of his government uniform. To this, the man said that he has been wearing it for several years and that any one can wear it if they wish to do so. She further said, “You can follow your religion in the comfort of your home, but is this cap a part of your uniform? You should not wear it if it is not,” and forced the conductor to remove his skullcap.

Web portals bbc.com and thewire.in reported an Islamophobic incident from Guwahati, Assam, that Assam’s Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma once again made anti-Muslim remarks blaming Miyan





(Muslims) vegetable sellers for the increased prices of vegetables in the state. He said, “Who are the people who have increased the prices of vegetables now? It is Miyan sellers who are selling vegetables at higher rates”. He was also heard saying, “We all have seen how the movement of buses in Guwahati city reduces during Eid, when less crowds are seen. Because most of the bus and cab drivers are from the Miyan community”.

Web portal thewire.in on 15th July reported a news related to the ban on the entry of Muslims to offer namaaz in the 800 years old Jumma Masjid by the local administration in Jalgaon’s Erandol, Maharashtra. The 800-years-old structure is an important place of worship in northern Maharashtra and a property registered under the Waqf Board. But it has suddenly become inaccessible to the community after the District Collector passed an interim restraining order while hearing a complaint filed by a right-wing Hindu organisation. The collector issued the order under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, immediately banning prayers at the premises. In the order, the collector also directed police deployment in the area. Moreover, the collector asked the Tahsildar to take charge of the mosque, which he described as a “disputed” property.

Yet another video was shared on Twitter on 15th July of a Hate Speech being given by Pushpendra Kulshreshta. In the video, he can be heard spreading hatred among Hindus by digging out what B.R. Ambedkar had said about Muslims in a different context. He said, “Indian Muslims should be sent to Pakistan. If Muslims reside in India then there will be no peace. Burqa causes sexual perversion among Muslims. A Muslim cannot be a patriot.”

A video was shared on Twitter on 16th July, which showed Anand Ranganathan, an author, delivering a speech where he spoke against the Waqf Board and demanded the government to change the Waqf Board Act, besides spreading misleading claims about the Waqf Board.

On 16th July, a video was shared on Twitter, of a Hate Speech being delivered by a right-wing female leader. In the video, she was seen requesting all the Hindus to spend 1,000 rupees to buy a sword and keep it at home so that no infidel (referring to Muslims) will gaze at you (कम से कम 1 हजार रुपए की तलवार लेकर घर में जरूर रखना ताकि कोई विधर्मी तुम्हारी तरफ आंख उठा कर ना देखे।)

Web portal etvbharat.com on 16th July reported an incident of state sponsored discriminatory practice from U.P.’s Muzaffarnagar, where a masjid’s Imam and 25 others were booked for offering Namaaz on the road. As per the report, Maulana Naseem, Imam of Rehman Masjid, was arrested under IPC’s Section 341 (wrongful restraint), additional SP Ayush Vikram Singh said. He said the police is trying to identify the other offenders with the help of a viral video.

Web portal sabrangindia.in reported from Solapur, Maharashtra on 17th July, about a case of a Hate Speech delivered at an event at Solapur. *Sakal Hindu Samaj* organised a *Hindu Janakroash Morcha*, where BJP legislator Nitesh Rane delivered a Hate Speech targeting Muslims. He said, “If anyone dares to praise Aurangzeb, we will book a place for you in the graveyard.”

Web portal sabrangindia.in on 17th July reported a yet another Hate Speech delivered by right-wing leaders at an event organised in Delhi. The *Hindu Mahasabha* organised by *Sarva Hindu Samaj* in New Delhi took a disturbing turn when far-right speakers delivered inflammatory speeches, allegedly calling for violence against minorities. The event raised concerns over increased communal tensions and the potential for further escalation of hate-driven incidents in the country. One of the speakers drew parallels to the past events in Gujarat being repeated elsewhere.

The Indian Express on 18th July reported another shocking incident of custodial death of a Muslim youth from Jharkhand’s Hazaribagh area. As per the *IE*, the 25-years-old Muslim man, Manzar Khan was arrested by the police on charges of theft and kept in the lock-up overnight. While he was still in custody, the police





said, he strangled himself with a rope; however, the family of the deceased denied the charge and claimed it was a clear case of custodial death. Followed by the complaint, a Sub-Inspector posted at Barhi police station was suspended following the controversy and Hazaribagh police wrote to the Deputy Commissioner for a judicial inquiry. The state's Crime Investigation Department (CID) has been entrusted with the investigation.

India Today on 18th July reported a case of police atrocity from Gujarat's Patan city, where a communal clash broke out over a social media post, leaving eight people injured. While the police have not disclosed the content of the social media post that triggered the clash at Balisana town on the night of 16th July, sources said it was about the Bollywood movie 'The Kerala Story'. The police took some of the arrested accused to the Masjid Chowk area in Balisana and paraded them where the incident took place. A video of this police exercise was called "reconstructing the crime scene".

The Times of India on 19th July reported another incident of mistreating an interfaith couple from Haryana's Faridabad. Members of Bajrang Dal, barged into a hotel in Faridabad and manhandled an interfaith couple over fake identity card submitted by the Muslim youth, as per the *TOI* report. The Muslim man was later handed over to the police and was booked under IPC sections 463 and 464. This clearly violates the privacy of citizens.

Web portal *sabrangindia.in* on 20th July reported about a contentious Hate Speech delivered by Suresh Chavhanke of Sudarshan News from Greater NOIDA at an event hosted by Dharendra Shastri. Chavhanke while addressing the crowd spoke on religious matters, particularly targeting Muslim places of worship. 'The resolution by Maharaj ji of bringing Mathura's idols to Agra's mosque was mentioned in Geeta, we have to liberate two more temples – Mathura and Kashi. It was Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's aim to liberate 300,000 temples".

Web portal *scroll.in* on 20th July reported an incident from M.P.'s Ujjain where homes of three Muslims were bulldozed for allegedly spitting water at a Hindu

religious procession. As per PTI, The police registered a case against three persons on charges of disturbing communal harmony after a purported video of them spitting water at a Hindu religious procession, called Baba Mahakal Sawari, surfaced on social media. The authorities also called in drummers when the houses were being bulldozed. Two of the accused persons were minors who have been sent to a juvenile home. The third accused has been remanded to the judicial custody, the police said. This is a clear-cut example of state sponsored discriminatory practices against the minorities, where in a novel manner their homes are being bulldozed at the slightest pretext.

TV channel *AajTak* on 20th July reported an event from Gosainganj, Lucknow, U.P., organised by *Hindu Yuva Manch* which reportedly showed 8 Muslim girls allegedly converting to Hinduism and marrying Hindu men, both the organisers and the brides described it as a Ghar Wapsi event.

On 20th July, *zeenewsindia.com* reported yet another case of attack on religious spaces from Ayodhya's Faizabad in U.P. A notice was served to Khajur Masjid's management committee situated at Faizabad, related to the demolition of masjid's minarets, as they were obstructing the proposed Ram Path (Road). It was alleged that the U.P. Government illegally tried to demolish the minarets, though so far no action has been taken on the ground.

Web portal *theprint.in* reported on 20th July that a video, was posted on the social media in which a Police Inspector could be seen physically attacking a 75-years-old Muslim man and demanding him to vacate his shop in U.P.'s Saharanpur city. As per *The Print's* report, In the video, sub-inspector Jitendra Sharma, posted at Qutubsher police station, and three constables can be seen misbehaving with shopkeeper Shamshad Ali, Superintendent of Police (City) Abhimanyu Manglik said. The elderly man has also given a complaint to the Qutubsher police station alleging that he owns a shop since 1975, whose rent he has been paying to the Municipal Corporation. He alleged that a woman has been trying to capture





his shop and the policemen are also involved in this, the SP said. The Uttar Pradesh Police has ordered an inquiry into the matter, police officials said.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org reported on 21st July that a video circulating on social media shows members of Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal distributing flyers propagating the conspiracy theory of “Love Jihad” amongst the students, fuelling anti-Muslim sentiments in Najafgarh, New Delhi.

A video surfaced on Twitter on 21st July in which a radically motivated passenger could be seen creating a ruckus on a flight regarding Halal certification. The person could be heard saying, “it’s my festival and you should not serve halal certified food to Hindus, it hurts our religious sentiment”.

Web portal clarionindia.net on 21st July reported yet another incident of Hate Speech from Maharashtra’s Kopergaon. A video was shared on social media, in which habitual hate monger Suresh Chavhanke while addressing *Hindu Hunkar Sabha* delivered an extremely hateful speech against Muslims and Islam. He could be heard targeting Muslim traders and businesses, again harping on his “Spit Jihad” theory. Chavhanke mocked Islam at many points in his speech and warned the Maharashtra government that if loudspeakers used at mosques for Namaaz are not banned, then the Hindus will get their own loudspeakers stationed at strategic places, to raise the religious chant of “Har Har Mahadev” five times a day.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 21st July reported another case of physical attack from M.P.’s Banda, where a right-wing mob brutally assaulted a truck driver for transporting cattle, despite having all the required documents and permission with him. The incident happened in Police presence, but no action was taken against the mob.

Times of India and web portal hindutvawatch.org reported on 21st July from Bhilwara, Rajasthan, about another Hate Speech against the Muslim community delivered at an event organised by *Sakal Jain Samaj* against the murder of a Jain monk in Karnataka. One

of the speakers can be seen threatening Muslims of violence and to face dire consequences.

Web portal journalmirror.com reported from Nagaon district, Assam on 21st July where Assam police opened fire at poor Muslim flood victims as a result of which, a Muslim woman Rahima Khatoon lost her life and three other individuals got wounded during a confrontation between the evicted residents and forest department officials. As per the report, the clash occurred when the displaced residents went back to their makeshift settlement due to flood inundation.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org reported another case of Hate Speech from U.P.’s Agra, where *Rashtriya Hindu Parishad* leader, Govind Prashar spewed hatred against the Muslim community in India.

TV channel *ETvbharat* on 21st July reported about a video which surfaced on social media, showing some radical Hindus raising communal slogans with the intent to spoil communal harmony while passing through a Muslim majority area in Jharkhand’s Chatra. These self-styled saviours of Hindu religion can be seen raising slogans of “Jai Shri Ram.”

Web portal hindutvawatch.org showed a video on 22nd July from Uttarakhand’s Almora district in which right-wing groups took out a rally, where anti-Muslim leaders threatened local Hindus with eviction if they rent their houses to other Muslims from outside the region and also threatened them with potential violence.

Times of India, *Hindustan Times* and almost all English, Hindi and Urdu newspapers on 22nd July carried the report about demolition of a part of the old Bengali Market Masjid and Babar Shah Takiya Masjid in the national capital New Delhi on 21st July. Apparently, the Northern Railway administration had reportedly issued notices to the two masjids demanding the removal of encroachments within 15 days. The railway authorities had warned, “if the encroachments are not removed within the stipulated time-frame, they will take necessary action to reclaim their land.” The masjid administrations maintain that





none of the structures was illegally raised and this was a unilateral action in the wee hours of morning, when no devotees were present at the masjids.

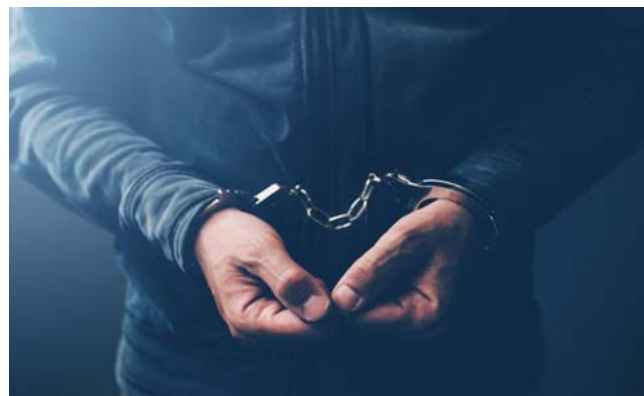
Hindi daily *Nai Dunia* reported from Vidisha, M.P. that another news of police atrocity was reported from Vidhisha, M.P., where some Muslim youth had gone to police station to complaint about a radical Hindutva activist who had posted offensive remarks against Allah on social media. Instead of taking action against the offender, the Muslim youth were beaten-up by the police. Muslims were protesting against Birjesh Yadav of Sironj Shahar, Vidisha and were demanding an FIR to be lodged against Birjesh and to arrest him immediately.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 23rd July reported and shared another video on its Twitter handle in which, a group of violent, radically motivated Hindu youth could be seen brutally thrashing a Muslim boy for having interfaith relationship in Kotdwar, Haldwani, Uttarakhand.

On 23rd July, a video was shared on Twitter, in which a radical Hindu man could be seen desecrating a Dargah and misbehaving with a Muslim woman in Simrol, Khandwa, M.P.

The Indian Express of 23rd July reported a case of caste discrimination. As per the report, a Dalit man in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district's Bikaura village has alleged that a man from another caste whom he had touched unintentionally while cleaning a sewer, smeared his face with human excreta. Ahirwar said that the incident occurred when he was engaged in the construction of a drain for the panchayat in Bikaura village, in M.P. The accused, Ramkripal Patel, was detained following the complaint by Dashrath Ahirwar, a police official said, under IPC Sections 294 (obscene acts or words in public) and 506 (criminal intimidation), and under the Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes Act.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 23rd July, reported a case of Islamophobia and hatred against Muslim community from Muzaffarnagar, U.P., where a Hindu priest Yashvir Maharaj sat on a hunger strike to press



local authorities to force Muslim restaurant owners to mention their and their Muslim employees' names on the signage, so that the general public could be aware of their identities.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 24th July, reported yet another incident from Bangana, Una, Himachal Pradesh. In the video, shared by Hindutva Watch, members of VHP and Bajrang Dal could be seen removing signages of a restaurant owned by a Muslim. There were also seen forcibly shutting down his restaurant because Halal meat was being served there, they further threatened the owner that if you do not mention clearly on a signage that you serve Halal meat then our people would once again remove the hoardings and action will be taken against you.

Web portal *hindutvawatch.org* on 24th July reported a case of Hate Speech from Osmanabad, Maharashtra. Dhananjay Desai, President of *Hindu Rashtra Sena*, delivered an anti-Muslim Hate Speech at *Hindu Janakrosh Sabha* and said that India should learn from China's genocide of Uyghur Muslims. Notably, Desai was an accused in Mohsin Shaikh lynching case of 2014.

On 24th July, another Islamophobic video was shared on Twitter in which the viewers were asked to be aware of Muslim girls corrupting the minds of Hindu girls. The caption of the video read: *आपकी बेटियों को अब्दुल से ज्यादा खतरा फातिमा और आयेशा से है- ये चित्र जरूर देखिए।* (Fatima and Ayesha are more dangerous to your daughters than Abdul - Must see this picture). This was clearly an act of online character assassination and fuelling Islamophobia.

The Hindu on 24th July reported another case of police atrocity from New Delhi's North-West Subhash Nagar police station. A 36-years-old man, Sheikh Sahadat, was arrested on 21st July under various sections of the Arms Act, he later died in the police custody. According to the police, Sahadat's health deteriorated after which he was immediately rushed to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. However, the deceased's family members accused



the police of torturing him in the lockup and alleged that they were not allowed to meet him. They also sought an impartial probe into the matter.” Deputy Commissioner of Police (North West) Jitendra Meena said a procedural inquiry by a magistrate had been initiated in the matter.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 25th July reported yet another Hate Speech delivered at an event at Sonipat, Haryana. In a video shared on Twitter, right-wing leaders, including a minor girl, delivered communal speeches calling for dropping Gandhi’s ideals and resorting to violence at the Rashtriya Bajrang Dal event.

Web portal persecution.org reported on 25th July a case of communal attack from Rai Bareilly, U.P., as per the report, a mob of radical Hindu nationalists (Hindutva) violently attacked a Christian pastor and his family for allegedly converting villagers to Christianity. The pastor’s wife sustained a blow and cut to her head that left her unconscious; she was rushed to the hospital along with others who suffered serious internal injuries. A local source said the pastor and his family were getting ready to begin Sunday sermons when a mob of around 30 radical Hindu nationalists burst into the house-cum-church carrying knives and bamboo sticks. The pastor’s wife was injured when she attempted to shield her husband from the assailants, sustaining the head injury. The congregates fled the mob after witnessing the gruesome attack.

Web portal thequint.in on 27th July reported yet another incident of custodial death from Haryana’s Faridabad, where a 30-years-old Shaikul Khan was arrested by the police in connection with a cyber crime case. He was allegedly beaten-up in the police lockup. Shaikul, a resident of Alwar’s Tikri village, was being held in Faridabad Police’s custody since 20th July. Shaikul’s brother claimed that his brother was innocent. “He lived in a flat and was studying for competitive exams to get a government job. Why would someone who is preparing for competitive exams commit a cyber crime?” he wondered.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 27th July reported from Najafgarh, Delhi about a case of economic boycott of Muslims. A video also shared on YouTube, shows violent members of Bajrang Dal illegally forcing ban on the sale of meat. They were also seen intimidating shop owners by throwing their meat products on the roadside.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 27th July reported a yet another hate incident from Nurpur, Himachal Pradesh where Bajrang Dal national convener Neeraj Doneria delivered a communal speech targeting Muslims at a *Parshikshan Varg* (Training Camp) camp. While addressing the trainees, he was heard speaking about ‘Islamic Jihad’ and demonising Muslim community by labelling them as fringe elements.

Deoband Times on 27th July reported a case of physical attack by local rowdies on a Muslim family from Saharanpur, U.P. According to the report, an extremist mob attacked a Gujjar Muslim man and his teenage daughter in a forest. The father was beaten up, while he was trying to save his daughter from being molested. Deoband Police says it is investigating the matter.

Hindustan Times on 27th July reported from Assam’s Ahotpam village in Morigaon district about a Mob Lynching incident. On 25th July, Saddam Hussain of Borbari Ahotpam village was lynched to death by a mob of Hindu residents of Ahotguri village in the Morigaon district of central Assam. Saddam along with five Muslim youth was returning from Naramari village, around 7 kms away from their village when they were attacked by the Hindu mob. Hussain, along with Mirajul Hoque, Anwarul Hoque, Bilal Hussain, Samsul Hoque and Abul Hussain were travelling on bikes after watching the final match of a local kabaddi league, on their way they were stopped and accused of stealing cows, a suspicion the victims who escaped the mob lynching deny. The police have registered a case against five suspects, under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code based on a complaint lodged by the victim’s families.





On 28th July, Twitter shared a video from an unknown location in Bihar, in which the family of a deceased Muslim man is seen interacting with media persons. They said that Mohammed Golu was arrested by the Bihar Police on charges of theft, and while in custody, the police tortured him to death.

Web portal theobserverpost.com on 28th July reported a shocking incident, a 5-years-old Muslim girl living in Uttar Pradesh's Ramnagar town was allegedly raped by a middle-aged man. A man named Rinku Verma from Bhairampur committed the heinous act after kidnapping the girl. When the girl's family realised that she was missing from their home, they began searching for her in the vicinity. During this search, Rinku's 12-years-old son Shivam informed them that his father was responsible for the abduction, leading to the incident becoming public knowledge. A police case against the accused has been lodged under stringent sections, including POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act).

TV channel *TV9 Bharatvarsh* reported on 28th July that in M.P. a video that went viral on social media claimed that a group of Muslim youth have been arrested over putting up a poster on a Masjid's wall against alleged 'Bhagwa Love' trap. It was alleged that, many Muslim girls from various parts of M.P. are being enticed by Hindutva men and trapped in 'Bhagwa Love' Trap. Allegedly, the Police have arrested a group of Muslim youth on charges of putting up poster warning Muslim girls against 'Bhagwa Love' trap, though so far we have not seen any activity on part of the Police to arrest those who are spreading 'Love Jihad' stories.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 29th July reported from Bulandshahar, U.P., where a Bajrang Dal member hurled casteist slurs and physically attacked a Dalit youth, apparently without any provocation.

Assam Business Standard on 30th July reported about another Hate Speech delivered by Assam CM

Himanta Biswa Sarma. While addressing media persons he said, "We will have to see if girls are being forcibly converted to another religion and getting married under duress ... We have to bring such marriages under the scope of investigations," he said. "A Qazi (Muslim cleric) cannot register a Hindu-Muslim marriage. Similarly, a Hindu priest too cannot do the same legally... If boys and girls from different religions want to marry they should do it under the Special Marriage Act and without converting."

Hindustan Times on 30th July reported a sensational case from Ujjain's Gola Mandi area, where a female doctor, Zarreen was allegedly molested and thrashed by a group of men and one woman. The incident, which reportedly happened in M.P. involved four men and a woman who assaulted a physiotherapist. Police superintendent Sachin Sharma assured the crowd that the guilty will be brought to book and an FIR was registered against the culprits.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org reported from national capital New Delhi on 30th July about a Hindu Mahasabha event at which far-right leader and lawyer AP Singh delivered a Hate Speech against Manipur's Christian community.

A Twitter handle on 31st July reported about an incident, which happened on 22nd July in Banaskantha, Gujarat, which showed an attack by cow vigilantes from Banaskantha. In the video, a Muslim man named Umaid Khan, was abducted, taken to the forest, and brutally thrashed and forced to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' by the cow vigilantes. The incident shows the impunity with which the so-called cow vigilantes have taken law and order in their hands and they could target anyone on the suspicion of being a cow thief or trading in cow meat.

Twitter shared yet another video on 30th July from Hapur, U.P. where some Madrassa students returning from the market after buying fish, were accosted by a Hindutva activist, who claimed that they had purchased the fish to throw it at a temple





and assaulted the young students brutally, this yet again shows that any one can claim to be a saviour of the Hindu religion and attack people from the minority. However, in this case the Police have arrested the accused youth, Lalit Kumar.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 31st July reported from Phulambari, Aurangabad, Maharashtra about a case of Hate Speech delivered at an event in Phulambari. In a video, it was seen that the event was organised by *Sakal Hindu Samaj* called *Akroash Morcha*, where right-wing leaders resorted to hateful speeches against Muslims. One of the speakers, Swami Vishuddhanand of Gayatri Ashram, Akola, pitched for an economic boycott of Muslims and peddled unverified conspiracy theories against Muslims.

Web portals pratidin.com and hindutvawatch.org on 31st July posted a video also shared on Twitter from Assam, in which Rashtriya Bajrang Dal trainers could be seen imparting firearms training to 350 Hindu men to fight “Love Jihad” in Assam. Continuing their probe in the arms training camp by Rashtriya Bajrang Dal members in Assam’s Mangaldoi, Guwahati Police detained one member of the right-wing organisation involved in the incident from Noonmati. IAMC, shared a video from Mangaldoi, Assam on 30th July which showed Bajrang Dal workers taking out a rally in streets of Assam and raising slogans ‘Bharat Mata ki Jai’ and ‘Jai Shri Ram’, they can also be seen wearing dresses of the Indian Army, which under the law is prohibited to be worn by any civilian.

Web portal hindutvawatch.org on 31st July reported yet another Hate Speech delivered at an event at Sillod, Aurangbad, Maharashtra. In a video shared on Twitter, *Hindu Rashtra Sena* President Dhananjay Desai delivered a Hate Speech targeting Muslims and calling them outsiders.

On 30th and 31st July various English, Hindi and Urdu newspapers reported cases of communal violence taking place in the national capital New Delhi on the occasion of Muharram on 29th July.

In addition to this, various provocative videos and speeches were shared on Twitter, one such Tweet shared on Twitter on 30th July showed a video in which activists linked to an Hindutva organisation took out an aggressive rally against Muharram procession where hate filled slogans like “Desh ke Gaddaro Ko, Goli Maro Saalon ko” raised. The Delhi Police on Sunday said it has registered three cases after an unruly crowd taking part in Saturday’s *Muharram* processions clashed with the police and pelted them with stones in west Delhi’s Nangloi. Twelve people, including six police personnel, were injured while public property was damaged in the clashes.

The police on Saturday said, “Several ‘tazia’ processions were being carried out in the Nangloi area and around eight to 10 thousand people participated in those. One or two organisers on the main Rohtak Road became unruly and tried to deviate from the route that was mutually decided at the coordination meeting with the ‘taziadaran’.” The first FIR was registered under sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act at Nangloi police station on the complaint of Nangloi SHO Prabhu Dayal. The incident in this case occurred at Surajmal Stadium, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer) Harendra Singh said.

The second FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint lodged by Nanak Ram, the law and order inspector at Nangloi police station, for an incident at Nangloi Chowk, Singh said. The third FIR was registered on the complaint of Mukesh Kumar, a head constable, for an incident near the metro station at Nangloi. All three cases were registered on Sunday, Harendra Singh added. In the first FIR, Dayal said several ‘tazia’ processions were scheduled in Nangloi on Saturday. There were meetings conducted with the organisers regarding the route and other issues. Apart from Nangloi police station of the Outer district, meetings were held at Prem Nagar and Aman Vihar police stations in Rohini district, with the *taazia* organisers.





It was decided that the processions would proceed towards Surajmal Stadium via the metro station, take a u-turn from the Nangloi depot red light and return to their designated place, it said. From 12 pm on Saturday 29th July, various processions were approaching from different areas following the predetermined route, the FIR stated.

Around 5 pm, some processions from the Prem Nagar and Aman Vihar areas of Rohini district crossed the Kirari Gate and reached the front of Surajmal Stadium via Rohtak Road. Upon reaching the site, instead of following the pre-decided route, some people tried to enter the stadium and started pushing and shoving, it added.

As there was no permission to enter the stadium, they were stopped. The Nangloi SHO, along with other officers and staff, tried to pacify them but they started fighting, it further said. The procession organisers stood on rickshaws and carts and started instigating the people to go inside the stadium. Some of these people had weapons such as swords, knives, sticks and iron rods, the FIR stated.

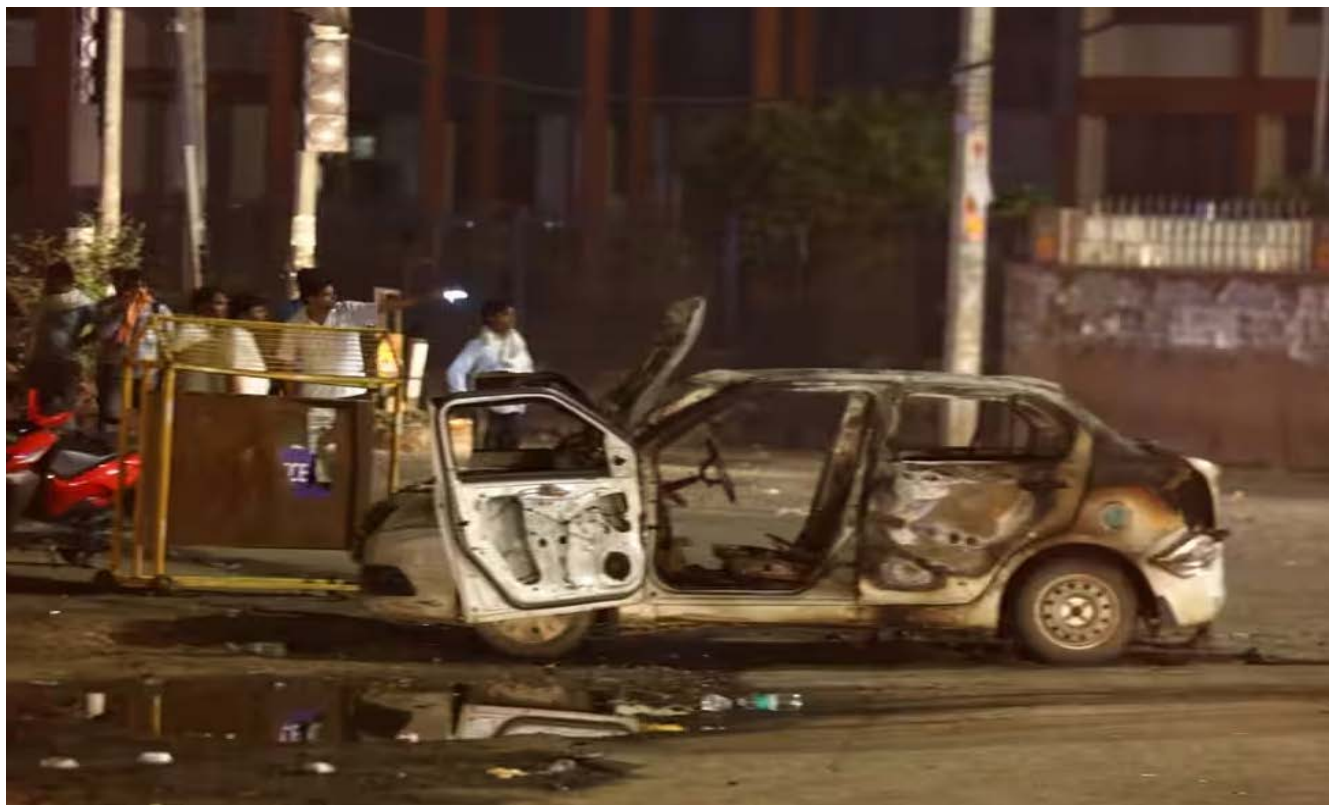
“On our refusal, the organisers and their supporters started pelting stones at the police. One of them, having a knife in his hand, attacked sub-inspector Parveen, on which Parveen grabbed the knife in order to save himself and received injury,” it added. Singh said the police are checking CCTV footage from the area and analysing videos of the

incidents that were widely circulated on social media on Saturday. This theory clearly implicates Muslim organisers of resorting to violence and clearly overlooks the provocation by Hindutva outfits on the occasion.

The Bajrang Dal and the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) have submitted a memorandum to the police over Saturday’s clashes during Muharram processions in west Delhi, officials said. Slogans of ‘Desh ke gaddaro ko goli maro...’ (shoot the traitors) and ‘Jai Shri Ram’ were raised outside the Nangloi police station by the members of the two organisations after they submitted the memorandum, a senior official said on Sunday.

The Indian Express and almost all English, Hindi and Urdu dailies on 1st August reported in detail about the communal violence that took place in Nuh, Haryana where three persons, including two home guards, were killed and several persons injured in clashes that broke out on Monday during a procession taken out by the Bajrang Dal and Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) in different towns of Nuh district. As communal violence flared in the district, internet services were suspended, prohibitory orders were imposed, and the state Home Minister sought additional forces from the Centre.

The Indian Express on 1st August reported about an incident, which happened on the night of 31st July on the Jaipur-Mumbai Train at Palgarh





station. As per reports a Railway Protection Force (RPF) constable, Chetan Singh on escort duty fired 12 rounds from his automatic service rifle, first killing his senior and then he identified three Muslim passengers Asghar Abbas, Abdul Kader Mohammed, and an unidentified person travelling on the train and killed them in cold blood. In a video, shot by fellow passengers, Singh, standing next to a body, is purportedly heard saying: “... Pakistan se operate hue ye, aur media yehi coverage dikha rahi hai, unko sab pata chal raha hai ye kya kar rahe hain... Agar vote dena hai, agar Hindustan mein rehna hai to mai kehta hoon Modi aur Yogi, ye do hain.” A high-level committee headed by ADG (RPF) has been constituted to conduct an inquiry into the incident and the accused constable has been arrested and the RPF claims that he suffered a mental breakdown.

The *Free Press Journal* on 31st July reported yet another incident which happened aboard an Indian Railways train. As per the details and a video which went viral on social media, shows a group of Hindu youths chanting ‘Hanuman Chalisa’ to disrupt the Namaaz being offered by a Muslim passenger on his berth.

TV channel *NDTV* on 31st July reported a controversial and anti-Muslim statement made by the CM of Uttar Pradesh while giving an interview to news service ANI. He said, “If we call it a mosque, there will be a dispute. I feel whomever God, has blessed with sight, that person should see. What is



a trishul (trident) doing inside a mosque? We did not put it there. There is a jyotirlinga, dev pratimas (idols)”. Apparently, in his statement the U.P. CM was referring to the Gyanvapi masjid of Varanasi and claiming that if Hindus started calling it ‘Gyanvapi Masjid’, then the whole controversy around its ownership would die down.

TV channel *NDTV* on 1st August reported a very disturbing incident from Gurugram, Haryana which happened during the intervening night of 31st July and 1st August, as per the report, a radical mob attacked a Masjid in Gurugram, and murdered the Imam of the Masjid, and injured several others just past midnight, according to the Police’s version. The masjid, Anjuman Jama Masjid, located in Sector 57, Gurugram was also set on fire. The police identified the attackers, conducted raids at various places, and several of the accused have been arrested.