



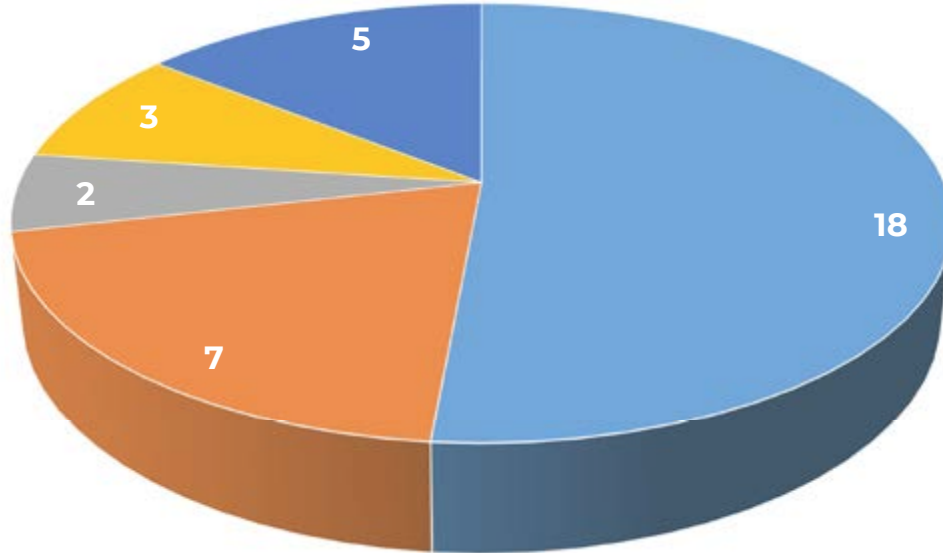
Quarterly Review **July-September 2022**

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Namaaz forbidden at public places
Muslim homes bulldozed at various places

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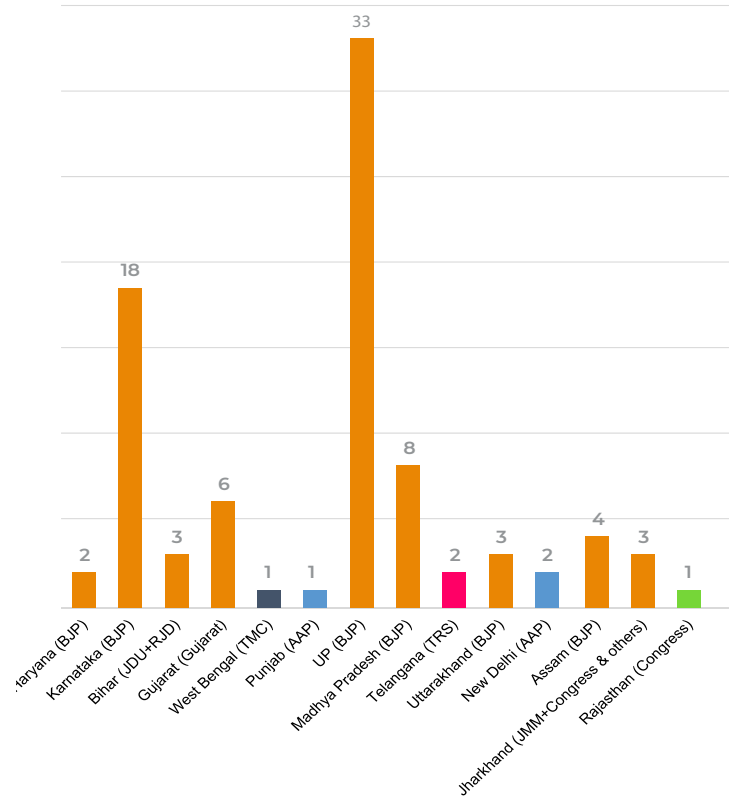
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Hate Crime Cases July-September, 2022



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State-wise Hate Crime Cases July-September, 2022





In the third quarter of 2022, from July to September, a total number of 94 cases were reported which could be categorised under the label of 'hate crimes'.

The period also saw use of some new coinages by the right-wing elements like 'Flood Jihad' and 'Population Jihad', thus, increasing the repertoire, which could be used against the minorities in the country. The highest number of such cases was reported from Uttar Pradesh (U.P.), followed by Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh (M.P.).

In July, a total of 30 incidents relating to hate crimes from various parts of the country were reported.

Uttar Pradesh: Madrasa razed in Amroha after complaints from 'non-Muslims'

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BIJNOR: The Uttar Pradesh administration on Saturday demolished a madrasa in Jebra village in Amroha after complaints from "non-Muslims" in the village that "namaz was being read over a loudspeaker". The local administration also said that the madrasa was "illegally built on government land seven months ago".



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The Indian Express reported on 1st July that [Manesar](#) units of Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) in Haryana had called for a mahapanchayat (a grand assembly) to deliberate appropriate action against Muslim vendors, who they alleged were running shops, named after Hindu deities.

On 2nd July *Daily Siasat* reported a case from [Udaipur](#), Rajasthan, in which a Sangh parivar leader used abusive language against the Holy Quran at a public gathering, while commenting on the Udaipur incident of 18th June. On the same day the Bengaluru edition of *The Indian Express* reported that at a meeting of the [Hindu Jagran Vedike](#), it was stated by several speakers that Islam is an enemy of peace in India. Further on 2nd July, the local unit of Jamiat Ulema-e Hind of Darbhanga, Bihar reported that at a locality in Darbhanga, Muslims have been forced out from the locality, Azan and Namaaz have been forsaken at the local mosque, after a clash between two families. On the same day in another report, *The Daily Siasat* reported that a village headman in Gujarat's [Banaskantha](#) district had issued a notice forbidding the villagers from buying any stuff from Muslim vendors; anyone found doing so would be fined Rs. 5100. On 4th July, Hindutva Watch website reported on Twitter that a local Muslim restaurant owner, [Talib](#), was arrested by the Police for using a old newspaper page, which carried a Hindu deity's picture, for packing non-veg food items.

The Dainik Bhaskar of 4th July reported an incident from [Mathura](#), U.P., according to which a local Muslim youth with a beard was forcibly asked to raise slogans of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' and 'Vande Mataram' by some



local Hindu boys, the incident was reported to the local police, which later arrested one Hindu youth on harassment charges.

The news-portal *The Quint* reported on 4th July that in Karnataka's Soraba taluka's Anavatti village in [Shivamogga](#) district, members of the Bajrang Dal and the VHP barged into an auditorium and stopped artists from performing a play midway, alleging that they were promoting Islamic traditions inside a hall belonging to the Veerashaiva community.

On 5th July *The Free Press Journal* reported that the Burhanpur, M.P. Police on Monday arrested Devraj Thakur, a resident of Indore, after one Sayyad Rafiq, who claimed that the former's post on [Instagram](#) had hurt religious sentiments of Muslims, lodged a complaint against him. *The Daily Siasat* reported on 6th July that a textile shop owned by a Muslim in Bhadravathi Taluk of [Shivamogga](#) district was destroyed by Bajrang Dal members on Sunday, July 3 while protesting against Kanhaiya Lal's murder in Udaipur in June.

On 14th July, a group of Muslim men was charge sheeted by the local Police, after a complaint was lodged against them for offering namaaz inside Lulu Mall in [Lucknow](#), U.P. *The Hindustan Times* of 19th August reported that Madikeri Police said a complaint was lodged by Nanda Krishnan (26), Mohammed Shamseer (24), Saman Sajeed (23) and two women, alleging they were attacked and their two women friends verbally abused on Tuesday by workers of a right-wing organisation while they were on an outing in [Kodagu district](#), in a suspected case of moral policing. On 17th July the local

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Police in [Kodagu](#) arrested a Bengaluru-based boy KC Divin Devyya, son a of a local BJP politician, who created a fake account in the name of a local Muslim boy, Muhammed Ashfaq, and posted objectionable content against Kodava community's deities and the community, using that false account.

On 18th July, report of a Muslim family being harassed by the Police over inviting a Hindu girl for Eid feast was reported from [Golthadi](#) of Karnataka. On 19th July it was reported from Sulia, [Mangaluru](#), Karnataka that a Muslim youth who was lynched over a minor issue died after two days in hospital, the accused allegedly are members of Bajrang Dal and VHP, the Police has reportedly arrested the culprit. An incident on same lines was reported from U.P's [Lakhimpur Kheri](#), only the culprit this time was a local BJP functionary, arrested by the Police.

On 22nd July, report of a case being lodged against a group of Muslim men, who offered Namaaz at Prayagraj railway station in U.P., emerged. On the same day police in [Haridwar](#), Uttarakhand arrested a group of eight people for offering Namaaz at a public place.

On 22nd July another incident of harassment was reported from [Charmahal](#) area of Hyderabad, Telangana, where a Muslim youth was harassed and physically assaulted by a mob for not chanting 'Jai Sri Ram'. *The Indian Express* of 23rd July reported that Bajrang Dal activists put up banners and posters at the walls of the [Gujarat Congress HQ](#) in Ahmedabad, proclaiming it as 'Haj House', over state Congress chief Jagdeesh Thakor's remark made during a party event



for minority communities. Thakor had reportedly endorsed the statement of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that minorities must have the first claim on the resources of the country.

On 24th July, web portal [HindutvaWatch](#) reported a case of hate speech and uploaded a video on its website showing unidentified Hindu devotees during Kanwar Yatra (annual pilgrimage of devotees of Shiva), making blasphemous remarks against Muslims and Islam.

The Hindu of 26th July reported a case from U.P.'s Kasganj district, in which a woman from New Delhi had complained to the Police that two people on social media hired her to frame a businessman of Kasganj and later they tried him to frame in a 'Love Jihad' case, one of the accused is a BJP functionary.

On 27th July reports of a Muslim youth being brutally murdered by unidentified assailants was reported from [Surathkal](#), Mangaluru, Karnataka, a Police FIR was lodged and the Police has arrested seven people in this connection.

On 27th July pro-right author, academician and women activist [Madhu Kishwar](#) along with over 25 academicians wrote an open letter to PM Modi to bring to his notice the 'Jihadi Islamic course curriculum' being followed by state-funded Islamic universities, including Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Millia Islamia and Hamdard University. They also called for a comprehensive academic review of the course curriculum of Islamic universities, colleges, schools and madrassas besides a total ban against the publication or circulation of books

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JEM activists reported a case of Police intimidation, from Badaun, U.P.

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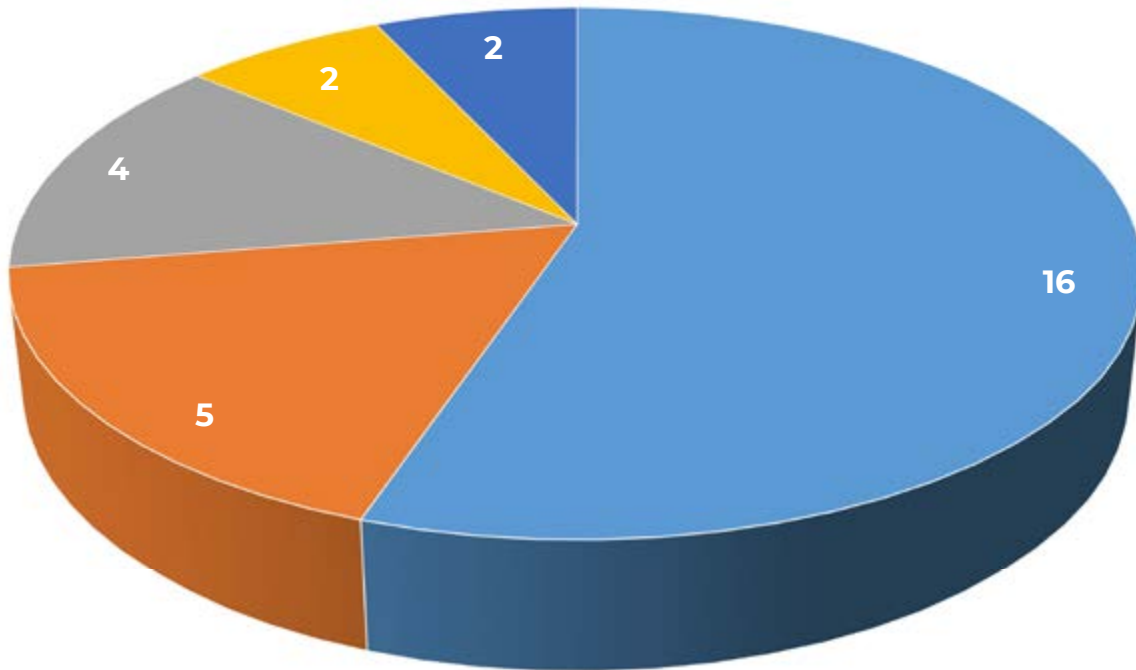
by Maulana Abul Ala Maududi and other ideologues of Islam that openly call for Jihad.

The New Arab news portal reported about a new genre of anti-Muslim music, known as Hindutva pop, which has spread like wildfire in India. People with affiliation to the right-wing government use Islamophobic lyrics to send an unequivocal message to India's minority communities: 'Leave India'. As attacks against India's Muslim community escalate, this popular genre of Hindu supremacist songs has provided a new soundtrack to the nation's religious violence, the website reported.

On 29th July JEM activists got hold of an FIR lodged by one Samina of Karala village of Badaun district, U.P., regarding Police high handedness, apparently they picked up her son Rehan for interrogation in a theft case, assaulted him and released him after demanding a bribe of Rs 5000.



Hate Crime cases reported in August 2022 Total Cases: 29



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Pakistani who came to kill Nupur vandalised Lahore Ranjit Singh statue: Cops

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: Sriganganagar police, investigating the case of Rizwan (24), who crossed the international border into India illegally in Sriganganagar, has found that the accused is also facing trial in his home country for vandalising Maharaja Ranjit Singh's statue at Lahore's Shahi Quila in August 2019.

Rizwan had told a joint interrogation committee comprising BSF, police, IB and Army personnel soon after his arrest on July 16 that he had come to India to kill suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma.

Officers interrogating him claimed the man ap-

peared to have an "anti-Hindu psyche" and seemed self-radicalised as he claimed that whatever he has done so far was to save Islam.

On Thursday, interrogators came to know that Rizwan had vandalised a statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh in Lahore. "He was arrested and is facing trial in Pakistan. He has not revealed how he was planning to reach closer to Sharma to kill her," Sriganganagar SP Anand Sharma said. "Currently he is on bail in the Pakistan case," he said.

The accused is to be produced in court on Saturday. Police are planning to seek extension of custody so that Rizwan can be jointly interrogated by various agencies.

Teen refuses to chant 'Jai Sri Ram', thrashed

Hyderabad: Tension prevailed in the Old City's Charmahal area after a 17-year-old boy from the minority community was assaulted by more than 40 members of a 'Bonalu' procession for refusing to chant 'Jai Sri Ram' on Thursday. At least 14 suspects were identified and taken into custody on Friday.

The student was passing by when a group of people applied 'tilak' on his forehead and ordered him to chant Jai Sri Ram. When the teen refused, he was abused and thrashed. Panic gripped the area after a mob gathered at the spot, forcing heavy police deployment.

Police booked the accused for wrongful restraint, causing hurt, and provocation by hurling insults. An investigation is underway.



In the month of August a total of 29 incidents of various kinds of attacks, intimidations and new forms of harassment of the minority Muslims were reported from different parts of India. The latest nomenclatures adopted were Population-Jihad and Flood-Jihad.

It was reported on 1st August 2022, from [Kanpur](#), U.P. that parents at a local school objected to Islamic prayers being recited in the school, the Police booked a schoolteacher on parent's complaints. On 2nd August reports from [Kalai Village](#) of Vadodara, Gujarat reported that a kindergarten kids' trip to a local mosque was cancelled after a protest from the right-wing Hindu groups.

On 2nd August, news of a masjid demolished at night without any notice by the local administration was received from [Shamsabad](#) locality of Hyderabad, Telangana. From [Samastipur](#) Bihar, it was reported on 3rd August that Mohammad Mustaqim was lynched by a mob on the pretext of being a cattle thief, according to reports the victim died on the spot. On the same day it was reported from [Hoshangabad-Narmadapuram](#) area of M.P. that cow vigilantes lynched three cattle transporters, one of them Nazeer Ahmad died due to severe beating by the vigilantes.

On 3rd August, a rather first of its kind jihad was reported from [Silchar](#), Assam. Reports say that the Police arrested five Muslims for creating flood situation in the area and blamed them for waging 'Flood-Jihad'.

On 4th August it was reported from [Sheikhpura](#) village in Partapgarh Dist. of U.P. that father of a prominent local political leader protested against a structure, which resembled a mosque's dome at the entrance gate of the village. The same day it was reported from [Morigaon](#), Assam that some villagers demolished



Madrasa Jamiul Huda, as the director of the madrasa is facing alleged terror charges in the court.

On 5th August reports were received of objection being raised over the offering of Namaaz by Muslim employees inside a school building in [Chattarpur city](#) of M.P. On the same day from [Baripur](#) in West Bengal, report of four Muslim men dying mysteriously inside a jail, was received, the family of the deceased blamed the Police for torturing them to death. On the same day i.e. 6th August, a Tweet reported a studio debate conducted by [News 18](#), TV channel accusing Muslims in U.P. and Bihar states, of waging 'Population Jihad'. Another Tweet on the same day reported a Bollywood movie 'Hum 2 Hamare 12' depicting Muslims as producing more kids, than other communities in India.

On 7th August reports of a Dargah in [Loha Mandi](#) area of Agra city in U.P. being damaged in the dark of night were received, Dargah caretakers accused the local administration being implicit in the exercise. On the same day report about a Muslim youth, Sahil Siddiqui aged 17, being brutally assaulted by Bajrang Dal activists on the pretext of harassing a Hindu girl was received from [Bulandshahar](#) of U.P.. On the same day reports of stone pelting at a Muharram procession was received from Bhujipur locality of [Bareilly](#) city in U.P..

The Hindustan Times of 8th August carried news that BJP M.P. Nishikant Dubey demanded in the Parliament that the state government of Jharkhand should be dismissed immediately as it is promoting activities leading to Islamisation of the state.

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On 10th August it was reported that a Madrassa caretaker in Nagla Rai, Charthawal, Muzaffarnagar, U.P. received an alleged extortion call by extremist miscreants. On the same day it was reported on Twitter that a Police inspector in Mandi locality of [Kanpur](#), U.P. threatened Muslim traders with the jibe “Pakistan Bhijwa Dunga” meaning, ‘I’ll send you to Pakistan’.

On 10th August a post on Twitter showed a video in which the vociferous BJP leader Yati Narsinhanand demanded boycotting the ‘[National Flag Campaign](#)’ as allegedly a Muslim trader has bagged the order to supply the national flag.

On 11th August a video circulating on [YouTube](#) was reported, it showed a Jain Muni preacher advocating killing of Muslims.

On 13th August [www.LiveHindustan.com](#) reported that secretary of the [Varanasi](#)-based Shankaracharya Parishad, Anand Swaroop has said that a group of Hindu religious scholars and saints are preparing a Draft Constitution of a Hindu Rashtra, under which Muslims will not be allowed to have voting rights.

On 14th August it was tweeted that Hindu vigilantes tore and vandalised hoardings depicting Muslim ruler Tipu Sultan on the eve of Independence Day in [Bengaluru](#), Karnataka. In a significant ruling on 16th August, the Gujarat High Court freed 11 accused, booked on rape and murder charges in [Bilkis Bano](#) case after 14 years under state’s ‘Remission Policy’, the civil society termed it a travesty of Justice. It was reported on Twitter that a school in Bholath, [Kapurthala](#), Punjab, staged a play



as part of the Independence Day celebrations, which depicted a terrorist as a Muslim.

Different [Tweets](#) on 16th August showed tweets with pictures of Independence Day celebrations in the USA being marked with pictures of bulldozer having pictures of PM Modi and UP CM Yogi, as part of an assertive and intimidating campaign launched by the Hindu diaspora in the USA.

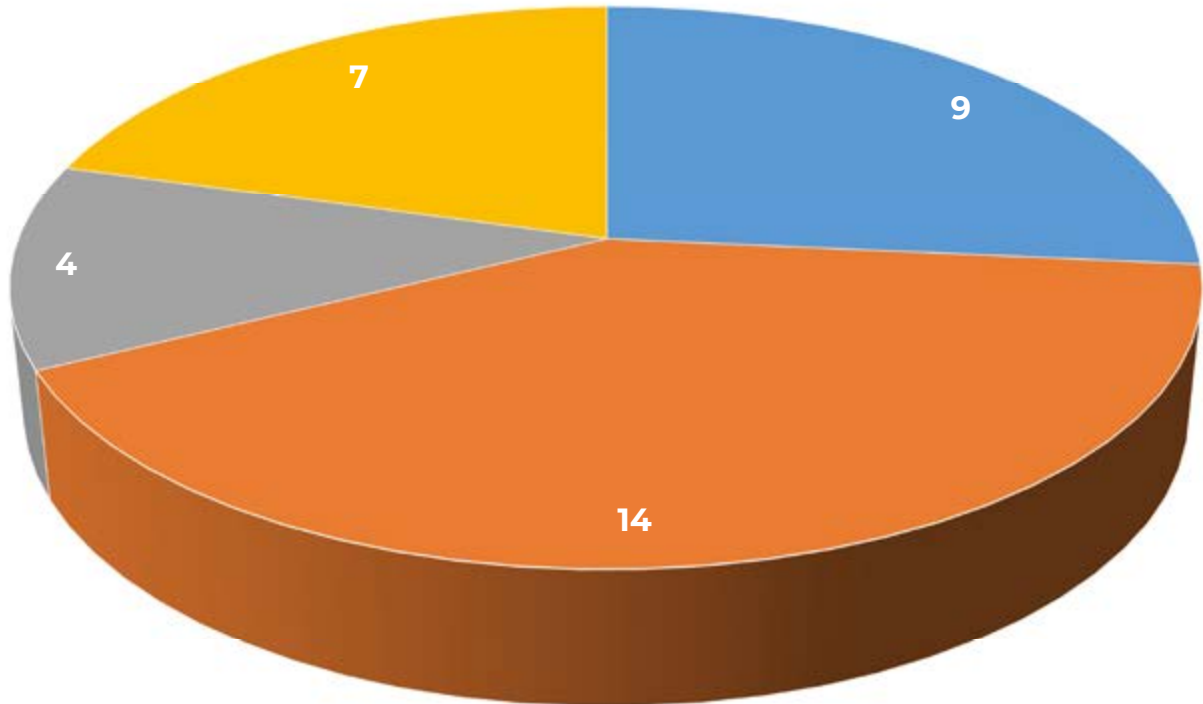
On 16th August it was reported from Nangloi area of the Indian capital New Delhi that Hindu miscreants played a song eulogising 'Jai Shri Ram' in front of a mosque as part of an Independence Day rally in the area.

On 17th August it was reported that BJP's [Shivamoga](#) MLA in a speech targeted Muslims of the area by saying that "Karnataka is not your father's property, go to Pakistan", to intimidate the local Muslim residents. From Madhya Pradesh's [Shahdol](#) it was reported on 18th August that members of a right-wing Hindu organisation demolished the house of a Muslim, who allegedly insulted a Hindu deity.

On the same day it was reported from [Rampur city](#) of U.P. that the local Police assaulted a converted Muslim illegally without any provocation.

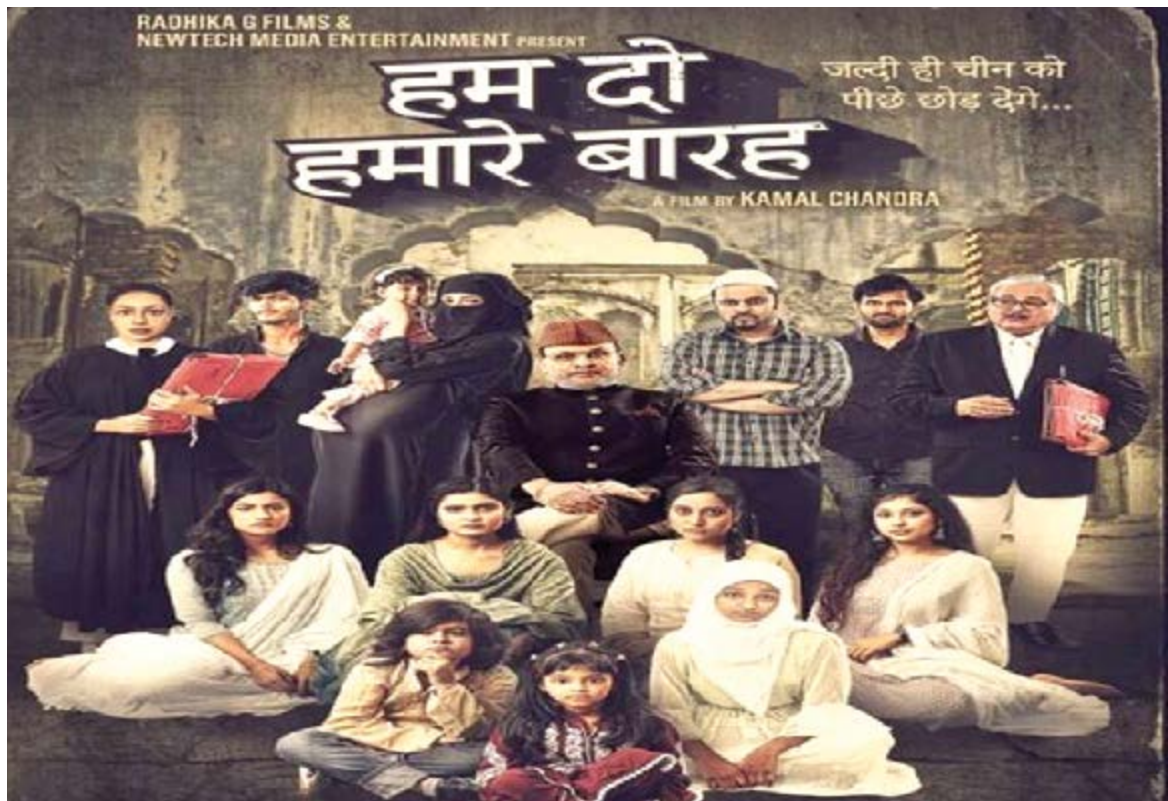
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Hate Crime cases reported in September 2022 Total Cases: 34



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The month of September 2022 continued with reports of various kinds of harassment against the minorities from all nooks and corners of the country, a total of 35 cases relating to Hate Crime were reported from different parts of India.

On 3rd September, two incidents took place in U.P.'s [Ghaziabad](#), where a Muslim, Imam Asjad was forced to chant Hindu religious slogans, and local troublemakers called another victim Sadaqat, a 'Pakistani'.

On 4th September, a Muslim Uber driver was heckled to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' (Glory to Lord Ram), by unidentified miscreants in [Hyderabad](#), Telangana. Further, a madrasa in [Assam's Goalpara](#) district was demolished by local residents, who alleged that two Bangladeshi nationals, Aminul Islam and Jahangir Alom, used the premises for terror activities.

According to the local Police these two were members of an Al Qaeda affiliated outfit, and they taught at the madrasa between 2020-22. From [Jharkhand](#) a new kind of racism was reported, when a Muslim lady complained that a doctor at Ranchi's Sadar Hospital allegedly implanted a Copper-T in her genitals and refused to remove it, after labelling her as a Jihadi. More or less on the same lines and showing the depths of hate against Muslims, the [Zee News](#) TV channel, reported a case of exchange of new born babies headlined as "A Hindu while in foetus, and a Muslim after being born" from Jaipur on 8th September.

A Muslim youth [Shahrukh](#) was allegedly shot dead by Dharamveer and Ompal in Paroli village of Deoband district of U.P. on suspicion of being a thief.

Reportedly, Shahrukh was returning home after enjoying a late night out with friends. Anti-Muslim violence erupted in [Barhariya](#), Bihar's Siwan district on 8th September. On its part the local Police arrested several Muslims including



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70-year old Mohammad Yasin, who had undergone two surgeries and has other health related issues and his eight-year old grandson Rizwan Qureshi, from a local mosque, blaming them for inciting violence.

It was reported from [Kasaba Village](#), of Karnataka that a Muslim student was beaten up by his Hindu co-students for speaking to a Hindu female friend. On 9th September it was reported from [Prayagraj U.P.](#) that an FIR was lodged against 8 Muslim men for cooking meat on a boat while cruising in River Ganga.

On 9th September there were posts on Twitter that some anti-social Hindu elements wrote 'Jai Shri Ram' on the main gate of a Mosque [in Hardoi, U.P.](#) to create religious animosity in the city. The Twitter reported on 12th September about a Hindu crowd playing genocidal songs in front of a mosque in [Southern Karnataka](#).

On 13th September there were posts on Twitter about a Hindu group illegally trying to take over a piece of land owned by a Muslim, claiming there used to be a Mandir on the land, subsequently the local Police allowed Pooja at the spot, the incident took place at [Gasoi Bazar, Sultanpur](#), U.P..

The local Police filed an FIR against 35 persons, including 25 Muslims and 10 Hindus and have detained 20 people. In U.P.'s [Shahjahanpur district](#) on September 9, a ruckus was created by the activists of local Hindu organisations, when people travelling in a bus from West Bengal to Ajmer, stopped the bus at the roadside to offer Namaaz.



Hindu activists forced them to apologise and subsequently the local police challaned 15 Muslims for offering Namaaz at a public place. The media reported on 13th September that the Hindu Mahasabha has moved the court to seek demolition of Meena Masjid from the Sri Krishna Janambhoomi complex in U.P.'s [Mathura district](#).

On 13th September there were several Tweets about anti-Muslim songs being played at a public gathering during a Hindu festival, at which DGP, [Maharashtra](#) along with several other police officers reportedly participated. On 15th September [The Indian Express](#) reported an unusual incident, in which the U.P. government suspended Joint Director (Health) of U.P., Dr Tabassum Khan, for ordering her name to be written in Urdu, on the nameplate outside her office in U.P..

The Hindu of 14th September reported that a group of Bajrang Dal activists allegedly stopped an inter-faith marriage from being solemnised, terming it as a case of 'Love Jihad' in [Karnataka's Chikkamagaluru](#).

The Indian Express on 15th September reported that a Muslim schoolteacher in U.P.'s [Moradabad](#) was removed from his post and arrested after the parents allegedly filed reports of hurting religious sentiments against him. [The Indian Express](#) of 15th September reported that a cabinet minister in U.P. Mr Nishad has called for shifting those mosques voluntarily which are situated close to any temples in the state. As part of the continuing hate speech against the Muslims, Swami Narsinhanand, a well-known hate speaker,

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urged the audience in U.P.'s [Aligarh](#) to bomb the historical and prestigious Aligarh Muslim University in the city on 19th September. Taking a dig at Madrassas, he said that Madrassa students should be sent to those schools where we could help these students get rid of the 'Quran virus', he further asserted that China is following the same policies and we also should follow the same, while asserting that institutions like AMU are Jihadi institutions where the foundation of country's partition was laid. From Madhya Pradesh's [Raigarh](#) district families of five Muslim men lodged in Raigarh jail submitted a petition to the local district collector, Harsh Dixit, demanding action against the Jailer of the Raigarh jail, who forcefully got these five youths to shave off their beards saying this is India not Pakistan and they can't sport a beard in this country. In the first conviction in Uttar Pradesh under the state's anti-conversion law, the court of Additional District Judge (Pocso Act) of [Amroha](#), U.P. on 18th September awarded a five-year prison term to a 26-year-old man for abducting a 16-year-old girl and then forcefully trying to convert her to Islam for marrying him.

A rather unthinkable incident took place on 15th September, when clothes of an aged Muslim lady were torn, her husband tied and her son Wajid Ali was dragged on road after being tied to a bike in M.P.'s Lalgaoon village of [Chindwara](#) district. All these acts took place amidst a frenzied atmosphere, with continuous chanting of pro-Hindu slogans by the crowd. In another unusual incident, reported from Bokaro, Jharkhand, the accused [Arzoo Mallick](#)'s house was allegedly bulldozed after Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP) authorities and the local Police recommended



this action against him, when he was found to have changed his name and also gang-raping a woman in 2021, the local media termed the incident as 'Love Jihad'. From [Karnataka](#) came the news that the state government has decided to withdraw cases filed against Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and pro-Kannada activists, who had barged into the official residence of the state's home minister Araga Jnanendra's house in Bengaluru, demanding a ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliates.

Hasan Faizul Khan resident of Utraula, Dist. Balrampur, U.P. in a Tweet alleged that the Balrampur Police picked-up his father Advocate [Mohammed Masood Raza](#) Alig, practicing in Lucknow High Court, from Charbagh, Lucknow on 24th September. He tweeted that the local Police has been continuously harassing his father and other family members after several local police officers were found guilty in a CBCID investigation, on the basis of a complaint lodged by his lawyer father, earlier.

These officers had also filed a false rape case against his father and after Masood Raza got a clean chit from the U.P. High Court and the Supreme Court, in the case, the local police have been continuously harassing his family. *The Times of India* of 25th September reported that facing possible deportation to Bangladesh after being declared a 'foreigner' despite her claims of having been born in India and all her family members being declared Indians, with their names in the National Register of Citizens (NRC), a woman from Assam's [Bongaigaon](#) district has moved the Supreme Court which has stayed her deportation.

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The Hindu on 25th September reported that in Karnataka, [Hubballi](#) Police have registered a complaint against 11 people, including a Muslim cleric, on the charge of forcibly converting a Hindu man to Islam. Sridhar Gangadhar, a resident of Yadavanahalli in Mandya district, had filed a complaint with the Nava Nagar Police saying that the accused forced him to undergo circumcision and converted him to Islam forcibly.

State media in Madhya Pradesh reported that in [Sigravli](#) district, a mob attacked Muslim men, suspecting them of being cow thieves. The matter came to light when a video of this incident went viral on social media. *India Today's* news website reported that a school headmaster was heckled by right-wing activists for organising an essay competition for children of a government school in Karnataka's [Gadag](#) district on the life and teachings of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

The Indian Express on 28th September reported that India's Central government has banned the Muslim organisation, [Popular Front of India](#) (PFI), and its affiliates for 5 years, as they pose a major threat to internal security of the country, the Ministry of Home Affairs said the PFI and its affiliates are linked to terror groups like the ISIS, propagate "anti-national sentiments... radicalise a particular section of society with the intention to create disaffection" and constitute a "major threat to internal security of the country".



Deccan Herald dated 29th September reported that activists of Bajrang Dal, a Right-Wing Hindu organisation assaulted a group of young Muslim men at a Garba venue in [Ahmedabad city](#). The news went viral after a video of the assault was posted on various social media platforms. An Urdu daily of Hyderabad, *Munsif Daily* reported that Maulana Ataullah Qasmi's charred body was found in the forest area of Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol district on 26 September. It is alleged that Maulana Ataullah Qasmi, a resident of Jharkhand, was burnt and his body was thrown into the forest by a un-named Bajrang Dal activist.

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