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*All that is necessary for evil
 to triumph is for good men
 to do nothing*
 - Edmund Burke

**KASHMIR'S UNCEASING
 SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS**

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The Kashmir problem owes its origin to Prime-minister Jawaharlal Nehru who under the (sinister as it turned out) advice of Lord Louis Mountbatten, the first Governor General of independent India (and the spell of Lady Pamela Mountbatten) took the case, much against the warning of Sardar Patel, to the United Nations, complaining that Pakistan committed aggression on India and seeking from the UN, the vacation of that aggression in 1947. When the Indian forces were making the Pakistanis run and were on the verge of total victory, the UN ordered the "cease-fire". (We ceased fire but Pakistan has not ceased- recall the 1965 war and the 1999 Kargil war and the unceasing ingress of Pakistan – injected jihadis and the insurgency of the locals incited by the jihadis since 1991). Art- 370, a "temporary" provision in the Constitution granting special status to J&K has been keeping up the "Kashmir is not Indian but separate" movement of Muslims there. No Muslim body (like the Indian Union Moslem League or Majlis-ittihadul-Muslameen, MIM or the All India Muslim Personal Law Board) has counseled Muslims of Kashmir not to be separatist and harbour jihadis. India has lost over 40,000 civilians, soldiers and para military personnel, trying to prevent Kashmir from seceding from India; India has given over Rs. 2,00,000 crores in "packages" and otherwise to J&K in the last decade alone; in return, "secular", "Kashmiriyat" – proclaiming Kashmir valley Moslems have brought about the exodus of 400,000 Hindu Pandits from their ancestral homeland for millenia and there are the unceasing jihadi terrorism and demand for self-determination, accession to Pakistan and autonomy.

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2. The UPA government (which includes for the first time since independence includes Moslem Leagurs) appointed Justice Sahgir Ahmed to head the Prime Ministers Working Group on Kashmir's autonomy. Without holding a single plenary meeting of the Working Group, Js. Ahmed wrote a Report and submitted it NOT to the Prime-Minister of India but to J&K's Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah! That is, Kashmir affairs are primarily for decision of its Moslems only? J&K has 35% of its population as Hindus and Buddhists. Not once in these 62 years, could one of them become the chief Minister of that state even as Moslems could be Chief Ministers in Rajasthan (90% Hindu), Bihar (88% Hindu), Assam (67% Hindu; Maharashtra (88% Hindu), not to speak of Delhi and Puducherry. Kashmir's Moslems (and their supporting India's communists, "seculars" in Congress and the regional casteist proprietary parties) demand autonomy for J&K; but they deny it to Hindu Jammu and Buddhist Laddakh! The BJP-led NDA carved out Chattisgarh; Jharkhand and Uttarakhand but dared not to carve out Jammu and Laddakh as separate states or give them the same measure of autonomy which Moslem-majority

Kashmir enjoys! Reproduced below is an article, the author wrote in May 1992. The withdrawal of Indian forces from J&K under pressure of the USA and the separatists in J&K is an invitation to Talibanis, zihadis and Pakistani "irregulars" to over-run Kashmir and for the UN to declare another cease-fire, "permanently" the loss of Kashmir to India but consuming more of India's wealth and finances.

Can "Backwardness" be the root cause of insurgency, terrorism and secession?

One of the Congress worthies theorized that it is not ISLAM Vs. HINDUISM or PAKISTAN Vs. India that is at the root of Kashmiri Muslim's separatist movement and terrorists. He argues that since Kashmir is not developed, unemployment is growing and it is the unemployed who have taken to terrorism and that separation from India is only a rallying cry. To end that terrorism and separatist movement, he prescribes accelerated development. This argument is totally fallacious. Is there one State in India which says that development outlays by the Center in it are adequate? Is there one State in India which is not having rising number of unemployed

people and educated at that, unlike the much less educated people in Kashmir? Can underdevelopment be a sufficient cause for cession from the Indian Union? Every State can establish that it is being discriminated against, that the Centre is not investing enough and not giving enough grants. Can that be enough reason for cession?

Fundamentally, it is the unwillingness of Muslims to live in the Indian Union unless it is ruled by them. From Sir Syed Ahmed Khan (17/10/1817 and 27/3/1898) onwards the influential and powerful Muslim leaders have thought that democracy and adult franchise in India would mean the rule of the Hindu majority over the Muslim minority. They held that it was unacceptable. They pleaded for weightage i.e, the number of legislators not to be in proportion to the population but because they are a minority (33 ^{1/3} seats in the Central Legislative Assembly for a 25% Moslem population and were they should be given higher representation than their numbers would justify, as a condition for undivided India. This was not conceded but the British agreed to separate electorates for Muslims. The Sikhs, Christians and Parsis did not ask any such privileges because they felt they are

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Indians despite professing a different religious faith. The India Communists had no difficulty in accepting the Muslim opinion that they were a separate nation within India, separate from other Indians like Christians or Sikhs or Hindus or Buddhists. The Indian communists theorised and supported the two-nation theory and partition of India based upon religion and yet they claim to be secularists. It is the Muslims in what is now India who overwhelmingly (98.5% of them) voted for the Muslims League and its demand for partition of India. The pre-partition Punjab, Sindh and NWFP did not vote the Muslim League to power in those states. Muslims do not concede the democratic right of a majority to rule if that majority is non-Muslim. After having fought for the partition of India and having created Pakistan, the votaries of a separate Muslim nation remained in India but are continuing to believe in their being a separate "quaam" (nation). If there is any considerable area where they are a majority, that should be constituted into a separate district or city (eg. Malappuram in Kerala and Quli Kutubshah Development Authority for a part of Hyderabad), they demand. If any Muslim majority area is contiguous to Pakistan, it must be merged with Pakistan. If any Muslim majority area is not contiguous, separate

governing bodies must be created. The vote-seeking (at any cost) parties have succumbed to these demands and the result is the creation of new Districts with Muslim majority in Kerala and a separate development authority for the Muslim majority part of a city viz. Quli Qutub Shah Development Authority (QQSDA) for Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh . It is significant that as in pre-partition days, the division of land on the basis of religion is carried out by the "Secularist" parties namely, Communist and Congress (Congress carved out of Gurgaon District in Haryana, a separate Moslem-majority Mewat district in the last decade).

Major Gen. Afsir Karim (an Indian General) in his book has argued that terrorism in Kashmir is a separatist movement entirely inspired by Pakistan and that it can be eliminated only by striking at the source of supply and succour to terrorists (in "Azad" Kashmir) and not by allowing Pakistan to wage a low cost war against India. He, further makes the most interesting point that while Pakistan is interested in absorbing the Muslim majority Kashmir Valley (if not Jammu and Leh areas even) it is not at all interested in an independent, religiously inspired Khalistan because that Sikh state would soon claim large parts of Punjab, Sindh

and Baluchistan which were part of Raja Ranjit Singh's Sikh empire. He holds that the Pakistani support to Khalistani separatists is only to inflict utmost damage on the economy and unity of India and its integrity at a every low cost to itself. It is very unfortunate that so called secularists of India do not have this intelligent understanding, a Muslim Indian General has.

It is not only in India but everywhere in the world that Muslims would not like to live as patriotic and loyal citizens of a country not ruled by themselves. They think that Islam is a nation besides religion and so, Muslims cannot be expected to be ruled by non-Muslims. It is this faith that has led to the partition of Cyprus where the 20% Muslim minority forcibly divided the country, occupied 40% of the land and declared itself as an independent country. In Sri Lanka, Tamil -speaking Indian origin Muslims do not describe themselves as Tamils or Indians. They say that in Sri Lanka there are Simhalas, Tamils and Muslims. While Simhali and Tamil are languages and all including Muslims are of the same race, Muslims as a religious denomination claim a separate ethnicity. In Bosnia-Herz Govina all people are of the same racial stock and while some describe themselves as Serbs, others as Croats based on

language, Muslims speaking the same language and of the same race but professing another religion describe themselves as Muslims as though they are another nationality. No wonder that in India also they describe themselves as Muslims but not as Indians, plain and simple. While Hinduism cannot remain Hindu, if it does not accept Islam and Christianity and other religions as equally valid and true, for their followers Islam certainly does not accept Hinduism as valid and true. Hindus are Kafirs and inferior to them (by what standard, only their God may know). A State with Hindu majority would not discriminate against Muslims or Christians but Muslim states like Pakistan or Saudi Arabia or Bangladesh and Malaysia have no compunction or remorse in declaring themselves as Islamic states. People professing other faiths are only allowed to live but not enjoy all the rights that Muslims have. In fact, in Pakistan Ahmadiya Muslims were declared as Kafirs and deprived of many rights. Even the celebrated Hindu-hater and Pakistan protagonist like Sir Zafrullah Khan, the Ahmedia was declared a Kafir and treated as a non-person (The only Pakistani Nobel Laureate Dr. Abdus Salam was an Ahmedia. He had to leave Pakistan. He settled in Trieste, Italy). It is a pity that the tolerant faith of Hindus which

gives equal rights to those who deny Hinduism's validity, works against them as a state and as a nation and their country's integrity. The Muslim separatism and unwillingness to be non-rulers or live as one nation with a majority professing another faith is fundamental to them. It is not for nothing that one great Muslim "secular" leader of India has said that India would remain secular only as long as Hindus are a majority, obviously meaning that the moment Muslims in India out-number Hindus (perhaps in another 50 years) India would become an Islamic state like Pakistan, Bangladesh or Iran. It must be said to the credit of Muslims living in India that they never accepted any Hindu as a leader of all the people of India. Jinnah refused to meet Gandhiji if he claimed to represent Muslims. He, the leader of the Muslim Quam (nation) would meet Gandhiji as a leader of Hindus only. When Gandhiji passed away, Jinnah said that a great Hindu died. It is only the grand delusion of "secular" Hindus that makes them dream that they are leaders of also the Muslim quam in India. Ask the Indian Union Muslim League whether it would concede that the Congress(I) president represents the Muslims in India and whether it would tell Pakistan to be secular as it wants India to be and give non-Muslims in Pakistan, the rights which Muslims in India

enjoy. The answer could be a lesson to Congress- (I) and Communists and various brand of "Secularists". Unless the fundamental nature of Muslims's inability to live as minority in a country having non-Muslim majority, except as a separate entity with special laws unto themselves, is understood, India's integrity will continue to be imperiled and its strength denuded by terrorist movements launched from across its borders and generally sympathized with by the Quam.

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How sad it is that after 62 years of partition, the Muslim question in India is exactly what it was before partition. Every separatist demand, assertion of special privileges, preservation of special laws, separate language, are all espoused by the deluded "Secularists". Even God may not save such people. India's repeated partitions or total peaceful conversion of Hindus into a minority by fast breeder policies as in Lebanon where in a matter of 40 years, the majority Christians were reduced to a minority and were dislodged from power in their own land, will be inevitable. The 90 Sachar Moslem districts are embryos of as many Pakistans in what may remain as India.

ARE MUSLIMS A MINORITY OR A SEPARATE NATION?

1) Sir Syed Ahmed Khan (b.17 Oct 1817 d.27 March 1898)

In no country do Muslims living as a minority identify themselves with the country's nation. For eg. in Srilanka, racially Indian, linguistically Tamilian but religiously Muslim, they call themselves Muslims and have a party like Srilanka Muslim Congress. In India there is an Indian Union Muslim League. In France, UK, Norway and the US they like to be called Muslims first. In India for quite some time past, they are saying they are Muslim Indians, not Indian Muslims. This means they are first and last Muslims who happen to be in India. This question whether Muslims are part of the nation, has been clearly spelt out by the most leading intellectuals and politicians of Muslim Indians. As early as in 1888, that is just 3 years after the Indian National Congress was founded, Sir Sayyed Ahmed Khan the first tallest western educated Muslim of India made a speech in Meerut on 16th March 1888 asserting that Muslims are a separate nation. He advised the Muslims not to join the Indian National Congress. His speech was titled "One Country Two Nations". Here are excerpts.

I think it expedient that I should first of all tell you the reason why I am about to address you on the subject of tonight's discourse. You know, gentlemen, that, from a long time, our friends the Bengalis

have shown very warm feeling on political matters. Three years ago they founded a very big assembly, which holds its sittings in various places, and they have given it the name "National Congress." We and our nation gave no thought to the matter. And we should be very glad for our friends the Bengalis to be successful, if we were of the opinion that they had by their education and ability made such progress as rendered them fit for the claims they put forward. But although they are superior to us in education, yet we have never admitted that they have reached that level to which they lay claim to have attained. Nevertheless I have never, in any article, or in any speech, or even in conversation in any place, put difficulties or desired to put difficulties in the way of any of their undertakings. It has never been my wish to oppose any people or any nation who wish to make progress, and who have raised themselves up to that rank to which they wish to attain and for which they are qualified. But my friends the Bengalis have made a most unfair and unwarrantable interference with my nation, and therefore it is my duty to show clearly what this unwarrantable interference has been, and to protect my nation from the evils that may arise from it.

"what I am about to say is

not only useful for my own nation, but also for my Hindu brothers of these Provinces, who from some wrong notions have taken part in this Congress. At last they also will be sorry for it — although perhaps they will never have occasion to be sorry; for it is beyond the region of possibility that the proposals of the Congress should be carried out fully.

"After this long preface I wish to explain what method my nation — nay, rather the whole people of this country — ought to pursue in political matters. I will treat in regular sequence of the political questions of India, in order that you may have full opportunity of giving your attention to them. The first of all is this — In whose hands shall the administration and the Empire of India rest? Now, suppose that all English, and the whole English army, were to leave India, taking with them all their cannon and their splendid weapons and everything, then who would be rulers of India? Is it possible that under these circumstances two nations — the Mahomedans and the Hindus — could sit on the same throne and remain equal in power? Most certainly not. It is necessary that one of them should conquer the other and thrust it down. To hope that both could remain equal is to desire the impossible and the

inconceivable. At the same time you must remember that although the number of Mahomedans is less than that of the Hindus, and although they contain far fewer people who have received a high English education, yet they must not be thought insignificant or weak. Probably they would be by themselves enough to maintain their own position. But suppose they were not. Then our Mussalman brothers, the Pathans, would come out as a swarm of locusts from their mountain valleys, and make rivers of blood to flow from their frontier in the north to the extreme end of Bengal. This thing — who, after the departure of the English, would be conquerors — would rest on the will of God. But until one nation had conquered the other and made it obedient, peace could not reign in the land. This conclusion is based on proofs so absolute that no one can deny it.

"The aspirations of our friends the Bengalis have made such progress that they want to scale a height to which it is beyond their powers to attain. But if I am not in error, I believe that the Bengalis have never at any period held sway over a particle of land. They are altogether ignorant of the method by which a foreign race can maintain its rule over other races. Therefore reflect on the doings of your ancestors, and be not unjust to the British Government to whom God has given the rule of India; and look honestly and

see what is necessary for it to do, to maintain its empire and its hold on the country. You can appreciate these matters; but they cannot who have never held a country in their hands nor won a victory. Oh! my brother Musalmans! I again remind you that you have ruled nations, and have for centuries held different countries in your grasp. For seven hundred years in India you have had Imperial sway. You know what it is to rule. Be not unjust to that nation which is ruling over you, and think also on this: how upright is her rule. Of such benevolence as the English Government shows to the foreign nations under her, there is no example in the history of the world.

"we ought to unite with that nation with whom we can unite. No Mahomedan can say that the English are not "People of the Book." No Mahomedan can deny this: that God has said that no people of other religions can be friends of Mahomedans except the Christians. He who had read the Koran and believes it, he can know that our nation cannot expect friendship and affection from any other people. At this time our nation is in a bad state as regards education and wealth, but God has given us the light of religion, and the Koran is present for our guidance, which has ordained them and us to be friends.

Now God has made them rulers over us. Therefore we should cultivate friendship with them, and should adopt that method by which their rule

may remain permanent and firm in India, and may not pass into the hands of the Bengalis.

2) *Md. Ali Jinnah* (b. 25 Dec 1876 d. 11 Sept 1948) who is identified as singularly responsible for the division of India and creation of the Islamic state of Pakistan, had in his famous March 1940 in Lahore speech to the Muslim League when it adopted the Pakistan resolution, once again asserted that Muslims are a separate nation, separate from Hindus and other non – Muslims. Here are excerpts from his speech.

"Notwithstanding thousand years of close contact, nationalities which are as divergent today as ever cannot at anytime be expected to transform themselves into one nation merely by means of subjecting them to a democratic constitution and holding them forcibly together by unnatural and artificial methods of British Parliament statutes. What the unitary government of India for 150 years had failed to achieve cannot be realized by the imposition of a central federal government.

It is extremely difficult to appreciate why our Hindu friends fail to understand the real nature of Islam and Hinduism. They are not religions in the strict sense of the word, but are, in fact, different and distinct social orders and it is a dream that the Hindus and Muslims can ever evolve a common nationality, and this

misconception of one Indian nation has gone far beyond the limits and is the cause of most of our troubles and will lead India to destruction if we fail to revise our notions in time. The Hindus and Muslims belong to two different religious philosophies, social customs, literature. They neither intermarry, nor interline together and indeed they belong to two different civilizations which are based mainly on conflicting ideas and conceptions. Their aspects on life and of life are different. It is quite clear that Hindus and Mussalmans derive their inspiration from different sources of history. They have different epics, different heroes and different episodes. Very often the hero of one is a foe of the other and likewise their victories and defeats overlap. To yoke together two such nations under a single state, one as a numerical minority and the other as a majority, must lead to growing discontent and final destruction of any fabric that may be so built up for the government of such a state.

"History has presented to us many examples such as the Union of Great Britain and Ireland, Czechoslovakia and Poland. History has also shown to us many geographical tracts, much smaller than the sub-continent of India, which otherwise might have been called one country but which have been divided into as many states as there are nations inhabiting them. The Bulkan peninsula comprises as many as seven or eight sovereign

states. Likewise, the Portuguese and the Spanish stand divided in the Iberian Peninsula Whereas under the plea of unity of India and one nation which does not exist, it is sought to pursue here the line of one central government when we know that the history of eh last twelve hundred years has failed to achieve unity and has witnessed, during these ages, India always divided into Hindu India and Muslim India. The present artificial unity of India dates back only to eh British conquest and is maintained by the British bayonet but he termination of the British regime, which is implicit in the recent declaration of His Majesty's government, will be the herald of the entire break-up with worse disaster than has ever taken place during the last one thousand years under Muslims. Surely, that is not the legacy which Britain would bequeath to India after 150 years of her rule, nor would Hindu and Muslim India risk such a sure catastrophe.

"Muslim India cannot accept any constitution which must necessarily result in a Hindu majority government. Hindus and Muslims brought together under a democratic system forced upon the minorities can only mean Hindu Raj. Democracy of the kind with which the Congress High Command is enamored would mean the complete destruction of what is most precious in Islam. We have had ample experience of the working of the provincial constitutions during the last two and a half

years (1937-'39) and any repetition of such a government must lead to civil war and raising of private armies as recommended by Mr. Gandhi to Hindus of Sukkur when he said that they must defend themselves violently or non-violently, blow for blow, and if they could not they must emigrate.

"Mussalmans are not a minority as it is commonly known and understood.

Mussalmans are a nation according to any definition of a nation and they must have their homelands, their territory and their state."

Muslims who agitated, rioted and voted for the division of the country and creation of Pakistan in the two decades 1930s & 1940s have continued to live in India. Similarly the former Razakars and their progeny who wanted to establish the Islamic state of Nizam, who took to arms to convert the Nizam Nawab's of Hyderabad territory into a sovereign independent Islamic state are also continuing to live in Hyderabad and Telengana. Now, all these are calling themselves minorities and in order to assert their separatism, they have demanded and have been granted by the vote-seeking and hunting "secular" parties *minority commissions, minority educational institutions, minority finance corporations, minority (majority) districts, minority Urdu universities and now reservation for minorities.* Very soon, they will be asking for

separate electorate as before 1947 and then autonomy for the Muslim districts (90 of them as planned by the UPA government) and ultimately secession from India like in Kashmir. What are you think of the "secular" parties who are either innocently or criminally collaborating with this minority with the in ultimate goal of restoration of the whole of this country to Muslim rule either by conquest or by demographic explosion.

Notes & Comments

★ **Urdu & Seperatism**

The national Maulana Azad Urdu University in Hyderabad conducted a 3-day seminar in Feb on "exclusionist practices" in India . There they said that Muslims are being excluded (by Hindus) from all goodies of the state and development and that is why they are backward and poor. Is this not ridiculous that a community which ruled parts of this country for hundreds of years is saying that those whom they ruled over, have inflicted illiteracy, ignorance, backwardness and exclusiveness on them. It is astounding why their memory is so short as for eg: in the Telangana area of Andhra Pradesh, for hundreds of years until 17th of Sept 1948 the 10% Muslims appropriated all the privileges of the ruling class for themselves (like 90% of the jobs for 10% of

Muslims ; Urdu as exclusive language o f instruction from primary to university and administration, are innocently and accusatively saying that the Hindu majority is excluding them. When their women are not encouraged to stir out of home and get educated, when Madrasa education is preferred, to non-religious education when Urdu and not English or Telugu is preferred when there is no limit on the number of children a family can have, and all these are embraced in the name of their religion, how can and why should Hindus through their tax monies develop them, develop them into a majority or into a ruling class first through reservation and then by manipulative politics?

★ **Moist Army preposes cease fire**

The rebel government offers cease fire: The Maoist armies in India who have been waging a war against the established government in several states have in February 2010 proposed a cease fire for 72 days to the legitimate Government of India! And there are political parties and "intellectuals" and "eminent" persons demanding that the Government of India established by law should sympathetically respond to the cease -fire offer of the rebel government. Is this not humiliating , is this not

undermining the legitimacy of the State? Maoists are demanding recognition and equality with the Government of India . It is clear that nation state and multiparty democracy are getting eroded fast by politics of expediency to seek power and use it for proprietary aggrandizement. They are disintegrating the nation. How can a state which is being humiliatingly offered a cease - fire by armed gangs inspired by foreign ideologies, defend itself from aggressions from be north and west and to the east? Is it not an insult to our armed forces that they will have to stand idly by while the state is challenged by rebel armies?

★ **Indo-Pak Talks**

Indo-Pak Talks (Feb 25, 2010): While the NDA government was caying on Bus and Samjhauta Express diplomacy with Pakistan, we were presented with the Kargil war by our "friendly" neighbour. There have been one jihadi terrorist attack after another in the last few years and every time our Prime Minister has been expressing shock and warning Pakistan that there will be a terrible consequence if it continued to inject jihadis and their terrorist acts into India. The NDA government gloried itself by mobilizing Indian army at the frontiers immediately after the Pakistan directed jihadi attack on the Parliament . It was to no

“Those who carry on great public schemes must be proof against the most fatiguing delays, the most mortifying disappointments, the most shocking insults and what is most of all, the presumptuous judgement of the ignorant.” - A message from the famous Cadillac Company

consequence. When the the Pakistan directed attack on Bombay hotels happened in Nov 2008, the Prime Minister pompously declared that no more such attacks would take place and the abetter of the attacks will be taught a lesson. There will be zero tolerance to terrorism. The intelligence and anti-terrorism infrastructure is being strengthened and no terrorist activities recur "To call this bluff the jihadis have struck again in Pune in Feb 2010. The Prime Minister again says that he is shocked and no further terrorist acts will be allowed. The supremo of the UPA tells the Maharastra government that law & order should be maintained, not that the intelligence and police arms of the state should nab the terrorists!. This is just like when there was bomb attack in a mosque in Hyderabad, the government inquiry was not as to who planted the bomb but why the police prevented and lathi-charged the Muslims who running from the mosque, attacked the shops and business establishments of Hindus !

For more than one year after the Bombay attacks, the UPA government insisted that there will be no talks with Pakistan unless they took effective action to prevent the Pakistan -launched jihadi terror bombings in India . That it is a lie is proved by India itself inviting Pakistan to talks even after the 2009 Pune bombing. It is obvious that India has been pressured by its "strategic ally" the USA and

indirectly by its present partner China, to invite Pakistan for talks. Pakistan says that terrorism is not a subject of talks but Kashmir's accession to India is. Do we have a government of India for Indians, by Indians or a proxy for somebody else? It appears that the fear Dr. Ambedkar expressed while speaking at the conclusion session the of Constituent Assembly in 1949 Nov, that India might once again loose its freedom and that this time it would be forever is coming true!

★ **Compulsory Voting**

I am afraid that Sri R C Saxena's (Freedom First - Feb 2010) characterization of the Gujarat government's move to make voting compulsory as coercive is unfair and unjust. State and Union governments are spending several lakhs of crores of Rupees on welfare, especially of the poor citizens of this country. It is known that the latter are deprived of much of the entitlement that is being disbursed by various government agencies. And this happens at the lowest rungs of government like the Panchayat and the District Collector/Commissioner. It is these bodies that have to be kept under surveillance and held accountable. This can be effectively achieved if every one, especially to whom the welfare is meant, votes in the elections to various bodies. It cannot be that one has a right to welfare and is not responsible to see that his

rights are realized by exercise of the vote that he has. Citizens have not only rights but have duties too. Inf act, the Constitution was amended during Indira Gandhi's time to enumerate the duties of citizens?

Today every demagogue is talking of rights of children, of mothers, of women, of the disabled, of labour, of pensioners of gays, of animals and so on. We need to emphasize the duties of citizens, the most important for our democracy is the duty to vote. There are 32 countries in the world where voting is compulsory. Those who do not vote are fined or other wise punished.

I am afraid that it is the fashionably propagated bias against Sri Modi that could be the reason for adversely criticizing the path-breaking bill that the Gujarat government is introducing.

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★ **A fair solution for Hyderabad's status in Telengana**

It is in the all round interest of the Telugu speaking people that people of no region feel that they are exploited, they are loaded over that, they are deprived of the development that is due to them and so on. While statistics may give a lie to non-development, in a democracy the perception and espically a persisting one is as important as statistics. Not only Telengana but a separate state even for Rayalaseema

could be justified. Everyone of these three states – Telengana, Andhra & Rayalaseema is larger and more populous than many other states in the country.

2. The main problem appears to be about the interests and fears of about three mln people who came from the Seemandhra districts to the capital of their state and have contributed immensely to its development. Most of this development has taken place in the last 20 years and in areas what are now covered by the cyberabad police commisionarate. Cyberabad can be likened to New Delhi which was built as a capital when the British government moved from Calcutta. In fact, for centuries past, India has had two capitals - Calcutta & Simla and later Delhi & Simla when British ruled this country and Delhi and Srinagar when the Mughals were ruling this country six decades ago Dr B.R. Ambedkar advocated the case for two capitals. Dr B.R. Ambedkar argued and established that India would more and more need to have a second capital in view of our inveterate, inimical neighbors in the north and west. He had also argued why Hyderabad and not Mumbai or Calcutta or Chennai would be the ideal second capital.

3. It would be fair if Cyberabad where 80% of the interests of Seemandhra people are, could be the Union territory serving also as the second capital of India which can be built over a period of

time. In fact, Cyberabad and the Cantonment areas could be under the Home & Defense Ministries respectively of the Government of India just as new Delhi and the cantonments in the nations capitals are. The police in Delhi and new Delhi are for very good reasons are combined and are under the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Union government. So could Cyberabad, Hyderabad and the Cantonment have a common civil police. I believe that Cyberabad as the Union Territory and to become the second capital of India in course of time would very largely allay the fears and concerns of Seemandhra people as well as the hundreds of enterprises that are established by people from all over this country and from abroad.

4. It is heartening to note that Sri K.Chandra Sekhara Rao of the TRS agrees to Hyderabad being Union Territory provided Visakhapatnam is also made a Union Territory. This is not objectionable at all. In fact, almost all our metropolitan cities and tier-II cities like Visakhapatnam, Coombattore, Pune, Khanpur may also become Union Territories. They will then grow far faster and people from all over the country would feel comfortable and not discriminated against by so called locals.

5. The Sri Krishna Commission would do well if it submits a two-part report; one an immediate solution to

the problems in Andhra Pradesh and a second part about creation of several Union Territories.

★ **Shameful**

At a meeting organized by a number of Muslim organisations in Hyderabad on the 7th Feb 2010 in support of a separate state for Telengana, leaders of the Congress, TD and TRS promised that they would provide for 12% reservation for Muslims in government jobs, PSUs and admissions to educational institutions etc. This is shameful courting of votes on the basis of religion and appeasement of unappeasable sections of the people.

2. During the rule of Nizami in Telengana until Sept 1948, the 10% of Muslims had 90% of the jobs and 90% Hindus had 10% of the jobs. As the famous educationist Sri Chukka Ramaiah said on the same day at another meeting, the situation of the Nizam's rule was that if anybody attended Telugu medium schools or if anybody displayed a Telugu book he was liable to be arrested. A community which ruled over the people for hundreds of years and denied to 90% of the people even elementary human rights is claiming in to backward. Ignoble politicians are making divisive, separatist promises that will lead to communal strife and disintegration of the country. How true the observation of the former president Dr. A.P.J.Kalam is that, "there is a dearth of noble leaders in this country". Should

we hope that the judgment of the High Court of the Andhra Pradesh that reservation for any people on the basis of religion is unconstitutional will put a stop to the senseless and anti-national promises of the merely vote-courting politicians.

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★ **Mary Matha festival**

While reporting on the extensive arrangements being made for the conduct of Mary Matha festival on the Gunadala Hill in Vijayawada, it is given out by the All India Radio as well as other media that this festival is being celebrated since the last 800 years. This is utter falsehood. 800 years ago, that is in the 13th century there was no Christian anywhere in Andhra Pradesh; not even in other parts of India except perhaps in Kerala. This propaganda that this is, a 800 year old festival is meant to mislead by Gobbelsian repetition of untruths, Hindus to accept that Christianity is an indigenous faith which it certainly, like Islam is not indigenous. This falsehood is part of the effort of multinational conversion enterprises and their abettors in government to harvest hundreds of millions of souls in India to Christianity as wished by the Pope during his visit at the turn of the last century. All India Radio must not become a tool for falsifiers of history.

★ **Congratulations
Mr. Rahul Gandhi**

Rahul Gandhi the young energetic and learning Congress leader, scion of the Nehru family deserves to be congratulated for boldly asserting that India is for all in obvious reference to some Maharashtra zealots wanting to impose second class status on non-Maharastrians in Mumbai and elsewhere in the state. But Rahul will be more convincing and esteemed to be sincere, if he tells the same thing about Kashmir. In that state, no Indian other than of Kashmiri birth can acquire and own property; any Kashmiri woman who marries a man from outside the state, will not have her full inheritance and so on. Sri Rajiv Gandhi would go up in esteem and credibility if he can, like Moses lead back all the 400,000 Hindu Pandits forced out of the Kashmiri Valley back to their native land in safety and security and dignity, with restoration of all their properties now under occupation by jihadis or separatists or exclusivist people.

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★ **Reservation for Muslims**

It is irrational and incomprehensible as to why the government of A P is persisting to provide reservations for Muslims. Muslims ruled this country for hundreds of years. They are inheritors of a civilisation which is not inferior to any. Here in Telengana area of A P, for over 500 years, Muslims had

90% of the jobs for 10% of their population. Till 1948 September, Urdu and not Telugu or English was the official language and medium of instruction from primary to University education. How can such people be classified as backward and unfit to compete educated Hindus ? Moreover they are having the privilege (denied to Hindus) to have any type and number of educational institutions of their choice outside government rules.

2. It appears that all political parties are engaged in competition to get Muslims votes by promise of privileges and largesses. They are showing scant regard to our Constitution which prescribes secularism i.e governance without reference to the religion of citizens. If Muslims are given reservations, why not Christians ? Pressed to logical conclusion, political parties may promise to adopt Islam as the state religion, Christianity may be an associate state religion. And Hindus, sorry different castes may be declared as pagans and dhimmis meant to serve the rest.

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★ **Hob-Nob for votes: Cry "foul" after words**

The operations against Maoists and various armed gangs of communists by governments whether they be Congress, BJP, TDP or CPM re all phoney. Congress and TDP hobnobbed with these communist war group when they were in opposition and

parleyed with them immediately after coming to power. They could never get the armed communists to give up arms and join the multiparty democratic main-stream. All these parties are infiltrated by ex-communists, and Marxists of different degrees of faith in their creed. The only outcome of governments' anti-Mao operations, which are half-hearted and conviction-less is the loss of lives of hundreds of policemen (and of course non-combatants, termed spies, converts and enemies of people by Maoists). Very soon policemen would be disaffected as they are being offered to Maoists by spineless and dishonest and irresolute governments for slaughter.

2. Above-ground Maoists are operating as progressive and revolutionary writers and artists; as civil liberties and human rights outfits, all using the decencies, laws and liberties and rights and guaranteed to loyal and peaceful citizens of India. These groups are frustrating government's actions to defeat and disarm the Maoist armies. No underground movement, much less wars, can be sustained without above-ground support structures and Marxist activists. If governments are sincere and serious to eliminate the Maoist war (which conduces to China's efforts to disintegrate India) .

3. We must once again enact preventive detention laws as in the late 1940s and early 1950s when the communist

party under BT Ranadev's leadership and tutelage of the COMINFORM (master-minded by Joseph V. Stalin) mounted armed struggles to overthrow the Nehru government characterizing it as a stooge of Anglo-American imperialism and India's independence as bogus and false. Rajaji and Sardar Patel realised the real nature of the de-Indianised communists and enacted laws and launched police measures that disabled the above-ground communists from subverting our democracy and armed communists from winning. Sure enough the communists realised the futility of armed struggles called them off (in Sept 1951 under instructions from Stalin - read *The Traveller and the Road*, by Com. Mohit Sen for a full account) and participated in the general elections in 1952.

4. If the governments of States and the Union cannot face and defeat the Maoist armies, how can we trust the governments to face Pakistan and China? That these governments are powerless against another type of armies, the jihadis is becoming clearer by the day; few jihadi bombers are caught fewer are sentenced and none are hanged. It appears that governments are melting away; India seems to be losing independence and sliding into foreigner's rule as averred and foreseen by Dr.B.R. Ambedkar what with the type of self-centered, power-seeking politicians we are having.

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**Letter from
Dr T.H. Chowdary to the
Prime Minister of India**

Sub: Your visit to Saudi Arabia - Reciprocal request for an Indian Cultural Center in Riyadh.

When Sri Arjun Singh was the Minister for HRD in your Cabinet he went to Saudi Arabia and concluded an agreement with that country's government for the establishment of an Arab Cultural Center in Delhi. Our ancient wisdom tells us, "let noble thoughts come from all over the world". So it is not unwelcome that there is an Arab Cultural Center in Delhi. But Indian culture is not inferior to any culture in the world.

2. In fact, the message of our dharma is universal without exclusive gods or chosen or condemned people . It ought to be a matter of self-respect and reciprocity and our duty to take Indian's message to other countries. And for this purpose Government of India should request the Saudi government to allow us to open an Indian Cultural Center. It could perhaps named after Mahatma Gandhi. Reciprocity is always a good principle. I therefore request you to kindly request the Saudi government to allow India to open a Mahatma Gandhi Cultural Center in Riyadh.

3. You are a very learned person. I am sure you are not unaware of how many billions of dollars Saudi Arabia is pumping ever year into other countries to establish mosques and Madrasas. I guess that you would have also read Madame Madeline Albright's book "The Mighty and the Almighty". I request you to kindly ponder over the following excerpts from her book.

"King Fahd (who died in August 2005) was proud of precisely what makes me nervous ----the support his government has given to Islamic institutions overseas, including some 210 Islamic centers, more than 1,500 mosques, 200 colleges, and almost 2,000 schools. The Saudis are confident that their faith is the true one and thus see no inconsistency in subsidizing their own religion abroad and at the same time prohibiting the practice of other religions at home.....During my meetings before 9/11, the Saudis reacted indignantly to any suggestion that Muslim terror networks were gaining strength. They viewed such allegations as an attempt to discredit Islam." (Pages 208 & 209)

These are excerpts from the book, "The Mighty and the Almighty" by Madeline Albright

4. Under pressure from the United States translations of the Quran into English are used in the United States some sentences had been amended to remove offensive passages. We may not be able to do because we are not either militarily or economically powerful like the US or China but we are always put a request that in view of the thousands of jihadis that are being pumped into India by Pakistan some times via Bangladesh and Nepal and are getting safe houses and facilitating infrastructures in our country especially in some Madrasas and mosques, Saudi Arabia may send whatever money it want so give to the Muslims in Indian only through Government of India and this should be the joint decision of Government of India and the Saudi Arabia for what purpose the Saudi money in India should be used. Preferably it should be used for modern education to girl children.

THE BABRI AFFAIR

- B.S. Raghavan
(Hindu 28/12/2009)

In the blame game vociferously and self-servingly played by all the political parties in the wake of the release of the Liberhan Commission report of inquiry into the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, there has been an attempt to drag the name of Narasimha Rao, who was the Prime Minister at the time, and suggest that it was his inaction that was responsible for what had happened. I think, in fairness, it is necessary to have a realistic grasp of the situation at that time.

It is undeniable that increasing numbers of the old and the young, educated and unlettered, many of them not even practising Hindus, without necessarily being pro-Sangh Parivar or pro-Hindutva were getting concerned about the costs and benefits of secularism which is ennobling in the abstract but often panders to minority vote-banks in the concrete. There were and are misgivings about India putting itself out on a limb by sticking to something that was proving hurtful to 80 per cent of the population, while most other nations, including tested democracies, have not found it unsecular to go by the tenets

of the majority religion. (Indeed, one of the proclaimed titles of the British monarch is 'Defender of the Faith').

Asoka Mehta, as secular as they come, chairing the meetings of the Committee on National Integration and Communalism (which I served on and among the members of which were Indira Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Adbul Mujeeb and Biju Patnaik) was never tired of pointing out that memories of discrimination and persecution during the Muslim and Mogul periods had got burnt into the psyche of the majority and, try as they might, even catholic-minded and educated Hindus were unable to erase the scar. It was not that they were anti-Muslims or against fair treatment of the minorities. It was simply that they did not want to put up with being pushed around any more.

Hindu tsunami

One should not, therefore, pretend to be holier-than-thou, and condemn wholesale the two lakhs of people from all over the country, braving biting cold weather, who converged on a site; they would not have done so unless they were stirred to their depths by some kind of elemental force. Call it

faith, call it conviction, call it by whatever name you like, or call it names. Such a mass upsurge could not have been brought on merely because the so-called communal forces were behind it. It was rooted in strong sentiment. Remember, the human mind, deep down within, is a raging cauldron of instincts and emotions.

The strong Hindu tsunami that was sweeping the North could not be wished away. Narasimha Rao was nothing, if not sensitive and perceptive with his mental, intellectual and political antennae up and active all the time. His non-confrontationist approach cannot be faulted, even if one were to revisit the episode with 20/20 hindsight.

Stopping two lakhs or more of people from reaching Ayodhya or clearing the site would have required the use of force of indescribable ferocity by unimaginably huge contingents of security personnel, including the army, and could have resulted in a bloodbath many times more barbaric than the Jallianwala massacre. Should Independent India behave worse than General Dyer, Narasimha Rao must have asked himself, and may have decided to provide a safety valve to the long pent-up feelings of humiliation of a mass of people who, after all, were a microcosm of the nation

itself.

Who is responsible for Law and Order

The orders of the High Court that the Government of Andhra Pradesh withdraw the police from Osmania University area appear to be strange. Keeping law and order and enforcement of laws is the responsibility of the executive arm of the state; surely not that of law courts. Secondly, it is clear to every citizen that the OU area is taken over by lawless elements who have surfaced from under-ground from other parts of the state. The OU area is public place; there are public roads through it. How can that territory be off-beat for the police? The University cannot keep law and order; it is not been able to see that its hostels are not inhabited by non-students, non-teachers.

2. The State Human Rights Commission also seems to be unwarrantedly and actively involving itself in the law and order situation in the OU. It is not a human right to obstruct classes, traffic and thwart peaceful life in the hostels. If civilised democratic and uncoerced life is to be lived, peace-breakers and violent mobs must be restrained.

- M. Nagender Goud

LIBERATING HINDU TEMPLES

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(continued from last issue)

THE TUGHLAQS

Muslim power again suffered a setback after the death of Alauddin Khalji in 1316 AD. But it was soon revived by the Tughlaqs. By now most of the famous temples over the length and breadth of the Islamic occupation in India had been demolished, except in Orissa and Rajasthan which had retained their independence. By now most of the rich treasuries had been plundered and shared between the Islamic state and its swordsmen. Firuz Shah Tughlaq led an expedition to Orissa in 1360 AD. He destroyed the temple of Jagannath at Puri, and desecrated many other Hindu shrines. According to 'Sirat-i-Firoz Shahi' which he himself wrote or dictated,

"Allah who is the only true God and has no other emanation, endowed the king of Islam with the strength to destroy this ancient shrine on the eastern sea-coast and to plunge it into the sea, and after its destruction he ordered the image of Jagannath to be perforated, and disgraced it by casting it down on the ground. They dug out other idols which were worshipped by the polytheists in the kingdom of Jainagar and overthrew them as they did the image of Jagannath, for being laid in front of the mosques along the path of the Sunnis and the way of the 'musallis' (Muslim congregation for namaz) and stretched them in front of the

portals of every mosque, so that the body and sides of the images might be trampled at the time of ascent and descent, entrance and exit, by the shoes on the feet of the Muslims.”

After the sack of the temples in Orissa, Firoz Shah Tughlaq attacked an island on the sea-coast where “nearly 100,000 men of Jainagar had taken refuge with their women, children, kinsmen and relations”. The swordsmen of Islam turned “the island into a basin of blood by the massacre of the unbelievers”.

A worse fate overtook the Hindu women. Sirat-i-Firuz Shahs records: “Women with babies and pregnant ladies were haltered, manacled, fettered and enchained, and pressed as slaves into service in the house of every soldier...”

Still more horrible scenes were enacted by Firuz Shah Tughlaq at Nagarkot (Kangra) where he sacked the shrine of Jvalamukhi. Firishta records that the Sultan “broke the idols of Jvalamukhi, mixed their fragments with the flesh of cows and hung them in nose bags round the necks of Brahmins. He sent the principal idol as trophy to Medina.”

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THE PROVINCIAL MUSLIM SATRAPS

In 1331 AD the Muslims of Gujarat complained to Nasiruddin Muhammad, the Tughlaq Sultan of Delhi, that the local governor, Kurhat-ul-Mulk, was practising tolerance towards the Hindus. The Sultan immediately appointed Muzaffar Khan as the new Governor. He became independent after the death of the Delhi Sultan and assumed the title of Muzaffar Shah in 1392 AD. Next year he

led an expedition to Somnath and sacked the temple which the Hindus had built once again. He killed many Hindus to chastise them for this “impudence,” and raised a mosque on the site of the ancient temple. The Hindus, however, restarted restoring the temple soon after. In 1401 AD Muzaffar came back with a huge army. He again killed many Hindus, demolished the temple once more, and erected another mosque.

Muzaffar was succeeded by his grandson, Ahmad Shah, in 1411 AD. Three years later Ahmad appointed a special darogah to destroy all temples throughout Gujarat. In 1415 AD Ahmad invaded Sidhpur where he destroyed the images in Rudramahalaya, and converted the grand temple into a mosque. Sidhpur was renamed Sayyadpur.

Mahmud Bagra who became the Sultan of Gujarat in 1458 AD was the worst fanatic of this dynasty. One of his vassals was the Mandalika of Junagadh who had never withheld the regular tribute. Yet in 1469 AD Mahmud invaded Junagadh. In reply to the Mandalika’s protests, Mahmud said that he was not interested in money as much as in the spread of Islam. The Mandalika was forcibly converted to Islam and Junagadh was renamed Mustafabad. In 1472 AD Mahmud attacked Dwarka, destroyed the local temples, and plundered the city... Raja Jaya Singh, the ruler of Champaner, and his minister were murdered by Mahmud in cold blood for refusing to embrace Islam after they had been defeated and their country pillaged and plundered. Champaner was renamed Mahmudabad.

Mahmud Khalji of Malwa (1436-

69 AD) also destroyed Hindu temples and built mosques on their sites. He heaped many more insults on the Hindus. Ilyas Shah of Bengal (1339-1379 AD) invaded Nepal and destroyed the temple of Svayambhunath at Kathmandu. He also invaded Orissa, demolished many temples, and plundered many places. The Bahmani sultans of Gulbarga and Bidar considered it meritorious to kill a hundred thousand Hindu men, women, and children every year. They demolished and desecrated temples all over South India.

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AMIR TIMUR

The climax came during the invasion of Timur in 1399 AD. He starts by quoting the Quran in his Tuzk-i-Timuri: “O Prophet, make war upon the infidels and unbelievers, and treat them severely.”

He continues: “My great object in invading Hindustan had been to wage a religious war against the infidel Hindus...[so that] the army of Islam might gain something by plundering the wealth and valuables of the Hindus.” To start with he stormed the fort of Kator on the border of Kashmir. He ordered his soldiers “to kill all the men, to make prisoners of women and children, and to plunder and lay waste all their property”. Next, he “directed towers to be built on the mountain of the skulls of those obstinate unbelievers”. Soon after, he laid siege to Bhatnir defended by Rajputs. They surrendered after some fight, and were pardoned. But Islam did not bind Timur to keep his word given to the “unbelievers”. His Tuzk-i-Timuri records:

“In a short space of time all

the people in the fort were put to the sword, and in the course of one hour the heads of 10,000 infidels were cut off. The sword of Islam was washed in the blood of the infidels, and all the goods and effects, the treasure and the grain which for many a long year had been stored in the fort became the spoil of my soldiers. They set fire to the houses and reduced them to ashes, and they razed the buildings and the fort to the ground."

At Sarsuti, the next city to be sacked, "all these infidel Hindus were slain, their wives and children were made prisoners and their property and goods became the spoil of the victors". Timur was now moving through (modern day) Haryana, the land of the Jats. He directed his soldiers to "plunder and destroy and kill every one whom they met". And so the soldiers "plundered every village, killed the men, and carried a number of Hindu prisoners, both male and female".

Loni which was captured before he arrived at Delhi was predominantly a Hindu town. But some Muslim inhabitants were also taken prisoners. Timur ordered that "the Musulman prisoners should be separated and saved, but the infidels should all be dispatched to hell with the proselytizing sword".

By now Timur had captured 100,000 Hindus. As he prepared for battle against the Tughlaq army after crossing the Yamuna, his Amirs advised him "that on the great day of battle these 100,000 prisoners could not be left with the baggage, and that it would be entirely opposed to the rules of war to set these idolators and enemies of Islam at liberty". Therefore, "no other course remained but that of making them all food for the sword".

Tuzk-i-Timuri continues:

"I proclaimed throughout the camp that every man who had infidel prisoners should put them to death, and whoever neglected to do so should himself be executed and his property given to the informer. When this order became known to the ghazis of Islam, they drew their swords and put their prisoners to death. One hundred thousand infidels, impious idolators, were on that day slain. Maulana Nasiruddin Umar, a counselor and man of learning, who, in all his life, had never killed a sparrow, now, in execution of my order, slew with his sword fifteen idolatrous

To

Hindus, who were his captives."

The Tughlaq army was defeated in the battle that ensued next day. Timur entered Delhi and learnt that a "great number of Hindus with their wives and children, and goods and valuables, had come into the city from all the country round".

He directed his soldiers to seize these Hindus and their property. Tuzk-i-Timuri concludes:

"Many of them (Hindus) drew their swords and resisted...The flames of strife were thus lighted and spread through the whole city from Jahanpanah and Siri to Old Delhi, burning up all it reached. The Hindus set fire to their houses with their own hands, burned their wives and children in them and rushed into the fight and were killed...On that day, Thursday, and all the night of Friday, nearly 15,000 Turks were engaged in slaying, plundering and destroying. When morning broke on Friday, all my army ...went off to the city and thought of nothing but killing, plundering and making prisoners.... ..The following day, Saturday the 17th, all passed in the same way, and the spoil was so great.that each man secured from fifty to a hundred prisoners, men, women, and children. There was no man who took less than twenty. The other booty was immense in rubies, diamonds, garnets, pearls, and other gems and jewels; ashrafis, tankas of gold and silver of the celebrated Alai coinage: vessels of gold and silver; and brocades and silks of great value. Gold and silver ornaments of Hindu women were obtained in such quantities as to exceed all account. Excepting the quarter of the Saiyids, the Ulama and the other Musulmans, the whole city was sacked."

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