

# The Growing Menace of Communalism

**Even** after one year of Akhlaq's murder in Dadri and the attendant uproar and outcry throughout the country, the communalist forces are rampant continuing their atrocities and murderous attacks against dalits and Muslims.

Cow vigilantism fostered and encouraged by the ruling BJP party in the country, lumpen elements with the tactical help of the police and support of the unemployed have been playing havoc with the lives and dignity of the people of minority and dalit sections of the country having serious adverse impacts on the lives and livelihoods of the poor.

The communal agenda for political gains being adopted by the ruling BJP party and its allies has grown in to dangerous proportions becoming a menace.

To eye wash the victims of cow vigilantist attacks and to hood-wink the people who have been protesting against those heinous and inhuman casteist attacks the prime minister showed a lip sympathy by saying that 80% of so-called gaurakshaks are anti-socials. But conspicuously not even such a single anti-national gaurakshak was punished by the state; and we are never finding a real and pious gaurakshak.

On the contrary every effort is being made by the concerned state authorities to protect the culprits that perpetrated the brutal murder of Akhlaq in Dadri of UP, and to implicate in to false cases the wife and family members of Akhlaq besides projecting one of the accused killer who died due to illness at hospital as a hero, nationalist by draping the national flag on the dead body of the culprit. All the evidences of the Dadri case have been skillfully changed to prove that the culprits are not guilty.

For attaining political gains in the oncoming state elections in UP, both the ruling BJP and SP parties are playing the same game of casteism and communalism.

The incidents of Una thrashing in Gujarat, the Mewat gang rapes and murders for allegedly eating beef and confiscation of biryani samples around the time of EID in Haryana, cow vigilantes attacking of two men and mercilessly thrashing them in Delhi-the national capital-for carrying buffalo remains, attack on a pregnant dalit women by some upper caste people in Gujarat, after her family refused to clear animal carcasses from fields, and the attack of Bajarangdal and Shivsena workers in Rajasthan, on a group of Banjaratribals at Ralmagra in Rajasamand district, when they were returning to their village with half – a dozen bulls purchased in a cattle fair; and many such unreported incidents occurring speak about the looming danger and growing menace of communalism and pseudo nationalism advocated by reactionary right.

Instead of striving for the country's development, this regressive social agenda is being substituted by the communalist BJP and its allied forces.

National chauvinism is being raked and raged by the ruling BJP and its allies against Pakistan, on the pretext of 'Kashmir issue', with such acts like suspending internet and mobile services, sealing several traditional prayer venues and stepping up security deployment and imposing curfew in 10 districts in J&K at the time of Eid-ul-Aza on the pretext of possibility of mass protests after Eid prayers across the valley and with surgical attacks on the POK Kashmir in the name of containing Kashmir separatists and fighting against Pakistan terrorism.

With this two pronged strategy of communalism and national chauvinism, the real issues concerning people are being deflected by our rulers-a dangerous trend and menace which has to be resisted by the democratic minded and progressive sections of the people!

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