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## Hindu Communal Forces Rakes up Controversy in AMU

**Again** Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) became a target for the Hindu communal forces. The hooligans of Hindu Yuva Vahini and ABVP forced their entry into AMU campus on 2<sup>nd</sup> May demanding the removal portrait of Jinnah which is there since 1938. When the students of AMU resisted, the hooligans resorted to violence. Instead of arresting them, the police attacked students with lathis and tear gas while they were proceeding to file a complaint. The Chief Minister of UP Yogi openly supported the demand of hooligans while his labour minister another Swami called Jinnah as a *Mahapurush*.

The Congress historians blame Jinnah for the partition of Indian subcontinent, while the extreme right forces like Jana Sangh, the predecessor of BJP, blames Nehru and Gandhi for the same, as though either Nehru or Jinnah had taken the purportedly correct stand, the partition would have been averted. The argument of both the sides ignores the conspiracy of British colonial rulers. They were the architects of partition conspiring to divide the people on the basis of religion and are still ensuring that there will not be normal relations among the countries of Indian subcontinent.

The RSS and its cohorts are blaming Nehru for the partition on one side and on the other giving call for Akhand Bharat. If anyone was to be blamed for two nation theory, it should be V D Savarkar, who pronounced Hindus as a nation as far back as 1923, while Jinnah accepted it only in late forties. Any person with meanest intelligence could understand the implications of two nation theory, that is, partition of the India basing on religion, which the British wanted.

The portrait of Jinnah was made into a controversy as a part of BJP agenda for 2018 elections to Parliament. The communal feeling thus raked up will be continually stoked to consolidate the Hindu votes in its favour.

At another plane, the violence at AMU unleashed by the Hindu communal forces is yet another attempt, or rather continuation of it, as we witnessed in HCU, JNU and many other universities, to decimate the centres of higher learning from alternative discourse and divert and suppress the opposition to the privatisation of universities the BJP government steam rolling with all impunity.

The democratic and secular forces in the country should resist these heinous attacks of communal forces which are using every untruth to tear asunder the fabric of communal harmony that the people of India had woven for generations together.

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