

LETTER

HYDERABAD BLAST

On 18th May (2007), Friday a bomb explosion, which took place in the Mecca Masjid in Hyderabad killed over 12 people. The blast took place on Friday and in afternoon. To begin with there were two major cases of blasts reported from Nanded. The latest one was on 10th Feb 2007. In this blast one person, Pandurang Amilkanthwar, died. Pandurang was a Shiv Sena Shakha Pramukh. who was close to Bajrang Dal also. In another blast a year ago (April 6, 2006), in Nanded two Bajrang Dal workers were killed while making a bomb. Anti-Terrorist Squad Inspector General K.P.Raghuvanshi stated the possible involvement of Bajrang Dal, a RSS affiliate, in a blast outside a mosque in Parbhani, two years ago.

One recalls that there were a series of episodes and blasts in Maharashtra in Parbhani, Puna, Jalna, Mumbai and Malegaon. The timing of blasts shows that, barring in Mumbai, most of the blasts were outside the mosques and in the afternoons, generally on Fridays. The brain mapping and narco test of those involved with Nanded blasts revealed that Nanded was acting as the Bomb Nirmiti Kendra (Center for Making Bombs), guided and supported by the state level VHP and Bajrang Dal leaders. The plan was to make explosions in front of mosques on Friday afternoons around 2 PM. Himanshu Panse the one who died while making a bomb is known to have stated that unless, Hindus (eunuchs) do the blasts near Mosques, it will be perceived as if Hindus are Hijras. The blasts are the only way to stop the attacks like the one in Varanasi and Delhi. There is a need to investigate these blasts from the different one than just the Islamic terrorist angle.

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