

Fascism with Regional Face

Apparently they pretended to be scions of a 19th century British novelist, Thackeray.

As if to expiate that sin and purge that sacrilege they suddenly woke up to the benefits of being known as Marathis. How fast to achieve this miracle, the duo—Bal and Raj—mulled long and hard. Fascist gangsterism to which they were long wedded and much used, popped a reply: follow the effective models and methods of ideological forbears like Hitler and Mussolini, viz. set upon a section of the populace and decimate it as the "final solution". Mobster rampage has its uses. Loose the followers - louts and lumpens - on the defenceless innocents, destroy their homes and properties, scorch their subsistence tools and survival kits, and anticipating outrage, charge them with lack of parochial tribalism.

The Bal-Raj duo hit upon it, with conspicuous success. Twenty-five thousand "UPians and Biharis" were terrorized and forced out of Mumbai and Nashik, their taxis were torched, their shacks and slums were broken into, their shops were looted, hundreds of those "outsiders" were beaten up black and blue, some were battered into pulp, a few were killed. This was quite an achievement in just a few days. Bal-Raj preempted the charge of brutal barbarism by calling the victims and their sympathizers themselves brutes and barbarians.

To top it all, the duo inveigled some cine actors to endorse their crimes. This was glamour added as copestone to the pyramid of filth and stench that they had done their worst to morph Mumbai into, a city previously known for its cosmopolitan culture and diversity of contributors to its growth and distinction.

The ideologue of provincialism and communalism crossed all limits and abused not just the victims but also the parliamentarians. He wanted streets to debate the issue not the parliament. Logic-wise he was consistent since he has been violating the Constitution for decades with impunity. For his anti-national fulminations, anti-minority mega violence, and seditious activities, he has neither been thrown in the jail nor punished condignly. The "authorities", local and national, reflexively cave in to his bullying, and thus aid and abet the monster to grow large and go lethal.

And he has other partners too: an obsequious Chief Minister who just months ago praised the arch fascist for his 'generosity', and blamed the media for doing its duty.

Encouraged by the above, consequently, the regional terrorist duo of Mumbai has declared open season on democracy. And they will win all the way in wrecking India. □□□