

State Of Alarm

The blasts in Delhi (September 12, 2008) are another in the series of tragic blasts in which scores of people have been killed. The acts of terror have been occurring and Home Ministry is watching helplessly. While the current investigation is totally focused around SIMI, many alleged culprits have been put behind the bars, despite which now some unknown entity Indian Mujahideen seems to have been projected as being responsible for the current ones. At the same time another stark truth is being deliberately sidelined and undermined. And that relates to the blasts done by Bajrang Dal and Hindu Jagran Samiti. Strangely enough investigation authorities are turning a blind eye to some of the well established facts.

In a serious case of blasts in Nanded in April 2006 two Bajrang Dal workers died when making bombs. Similar incidents of bomb blasts were witnessed in many places around that time, Parabhani, Jalna and Aurangabad in Maharashtra. Most of these were in front of the mosques. The Nanded investigation 'leads' were not followed. On the contrary the investigation in that direction was not pursued at all. The attitude of police in this investigation has been totally lax. Social activists made the complaint about this to Human Rights Commission. The Commission summoned the Superintendent of police, Nanded, in its hearing held on 17th June. The SP failed to turn up for hearing! There seems to be a deliberate cover up of this important finding of Maharashtra Anti-terrorist Squad, ATS did investigate the links of the dead with Bajrang Dal, an RSS affiliate. At the same time the injured were visited in the hospital by the top brass of local BJP and associates. Local BJP MP reportedly told the police not to harass those related to the culprits in the wake of the Bajrang Dal involvement in the bomb making. In Nanded, ATS also found fake moustache and pajama kurta, the idea being that the culprits will dress like a Muslim while doing these black deeds.

Every time there is a bomb blast immediately the agencies and the media declare that it is done by some Muslim organisation without any proof. Hundreds of innocent young boys are picked up, what follows are illegal detentions, torture, arrests, harassment of families, forcing the families and victims to sign blank papers. For years these helpless victims are tortured in jails, denied legal aid, even lawyers who try and fight their cases are attacked openly in courts. Their images tarnished for life time. If they are lucky they get let off after years as neither the agencies or the police have any proof against them. The cacophony of stricter laws rises so that a police can extract a confession by third degree torture and present that as evidence. Through this systematic vilification campaign the process of demonisation of minorities continued unabated.

From the timing of the terror attacks it is very clear that one and only one political outfit is gaining from it and that is Sangh. With their eyes on the central government their agenda of polarising the voter is going ahead successfully.

On the other hand there are constant attacks on minorities on one pretext or another. In Orissa thousands of Christians have been attacked, rendered

homeless, their homes ransacked and looted and burnt down, churches attacked and even orphanages are not left alone.

In Karnataka a similar picture is emerging.

The country unfortunately has been given on a platter to the Sangh and the government looks helplessly and hopelessly as well in providing security to ordinary citizens whether they are victims of terror attacks or victims of the constant attacks by the Sangh Parivar's various outfits.

The life of innocent citizens is at stake and such irresponsible cover will definitely prevent the real truth from coming out. □□□