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Dear Enlightened Readers,

On the occasion of Ganesh Puja, a 10-day long Hindu Puja/Festival, commencing on September 17, we wish you all
"Siddhi Vinayak Ganeshay Namaha"

The week under review had, for a change, more positives:

- ISIS claimed attack on Pak army;
- India, China meeting to improve ties;
- First FIR filed in Kerala over links with the ISIS;
- Historical Krishna—Godavari river linkage started;
- An India-origin citizen became the Mayor of Bonn in Germany.
- Indo-African Summit in New Delhi scheduled on October 29, 2015;
- A new Prime Minister has taken over in Australia within the same party;
- UNSC cleared a two-decade old plan for reconstitution of the Security Council;
- US expressed concern over China's plan to build 3rd airport on South China Sea.
- UN wants a probe into alleged war-crimes in Sri Lanka by a Special International Court.
- Attempt in Kashmir by the Jamaat to bring all separatist groups together but not to support militancy.
- The migration problem in EU countries has forced most of the nations' re-imposing border controls;
- Nepal has adopted a new 'secular' Constitution. Agitation for taking the country back to a Hindu kingdom, however, continues;
- Indo-Sri Lanka ties to improve with the 3-day long visit to India by the Sri Lankan Prime Minister. Tamil interest would be taken care of.



Thanking you & with regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Geopolitical:

- **China denies Sino-Indian 'face-off' claims:** China on Monday said there was no stand-off between Indian and Chinese troops in the border area, in response to reports by the Indian media which said Indian troops demolished a Chinese constructed watch tower in the sensitive region. "As far as I know, there is no such 'face-off' between China and India in the border area," Hong Lei, spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said on Monday at a regular press briefing. <http://www.security-risks.com/security-issues-south-asia/china-in-south-asia/china-denies-sino-indian-%E2%80%98face-off-claims-5504.html>
- **Indo-Africa Summit In New Delhi On October 29, 2015:** Forty of the 54 countries have already signed to attend. ([The Sunday Guardian, September 13, 2015](#))
- **Scots Eye on Another Independence Vote In Future:** This was expressed by the Scottish National Party 'First Minister.' ([Agencies, The Statesman, September 14, 2015](#))
- **Indo-Nepal Affairs:** The situation over Constitution making is revolving around two issues—the criteria followed in demarcating the new districts and whether the Constitution will remain secular or take Nepal back to be a Hindu country, as in the past. India will have to get involved in larger interest of India as well. ([Hindustan Times, September 16, 2015](#))
- **Nepal Voted To Stay Secular, Not To Revert To A Hindu Nation As In The Past.** ([All Press, September 15, 2015](#))
- **Indo-Pak Border Exchanges Continued:** No matter the talks just now concluded, the Pak army fired upon BSF Posts in Rajouri sector, killing an ASI on Sunday. ([All Press, September 14, 2015](#))
- **Immigration Problem in EU:** Germany, who volunteered to grab the lion's share of the fleeing refugees, has been forced to re-impose border controls. Strong voices of dissent against Merkel have been heard. ([All Press, September 14, 2015](#))
- **Hungary Makes Illegal Migration An Offence.** ([Agencies, The Statesman, September 15, 2015](#))

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- **Other Headlines:** "Border-free Europe Unravels Amid Crisis", "EU On Collision course. Over Sharing Migrants". "Croatia Overwhelmed By Migrant Overflow." ([Agencies, All Press, September 15/18, 2015](#))
- **United Nations—Proposal To Expand Security Council accepted:** This is a 2-decades old demand. ([All Press, September 15, 2015](#))
- **Australian Prime Minister (Tony Abbott) Toppled In Internal Party Vote:** The new Prime Minister is Malcolm Turnbull. This happened on Monday. ([Reuters, All Press, September 15, 2015](#))
- **India, Sri Lanka Vowed To Boost Ties:** The Lankan Prime Minister also spoke about protecting the Tamil interest in Sri Lanka. ([Agencies, All Press, September 16, 2015](#))
- **UN Want Special International Court To Prosecute SL War Crimes.** ([The Hindustan Times, September 17, 2015](#))
- **China Building 3rd Airstrip In South China Sea:** The USA expressed deep concern over this, citing militarisation of the area. ([Agencies, The Asian Age, September 17, 2015](#))
- **US Warned North Korea On Nuclear Provocation:** This was because of talks of restarting nuclear reactor. ([AFP, The Asian Age, September 18, 2015](#))
- **Russia Assured India Of Support For UNSC Seat.** ([The Pioneer, September 17, 2015](#))
- **UK Universities Named For Being Hubs For Patronising Extremists: Disclosed By Its Premier:** MI -5 had earlier warned of higher terror threat and demanded more power to fight terror. ([The Hindustan Times, September 18, 2015](#))

International Terrorism:

- **Terror Funding Through Hawaladar Network:** Based in Pakistan and Turkey, this is being done to set up extremist cells in major cities in India, especially among ISIS sympathisers. ([The Sunday Guardian, September 13, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Claimed Hit On Pak Army:** This was along Pak-Afghanistan border on Sunday. ([Agencies, The Asian Age, September 14, 2015](#))
- **Qaeda Chief Urged "Lone Wolf" Attacks:** This was to focus on the US and other Western countries. ([Reuters, The Asian Age, September 14, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Hackers Targeted Email Accounts Of UK Ministers:** This was according to a media report. ([PTI, The Pioneer, September 14, 2015](#))
- **Afghan Taliban Stormed Jail, Got Released Over 350 Prisoners:** This was on Monday. Four Taliban and four policemen were killed. ([Reuters, The Hindustan Times, September 15, 2015](#))
- **UAE Deports 4 More Indians For ISIS Links.** ([The Asian Age, September 16, 2015](#))
- **Two More Indians Abducted In Lybia:** ISIS hand suspected. ([All Press, September 17, 2015](#))
- **Defeating Terrorism A Priority:** So said the Syrian President. ([AP, All Press, September 17, 2015](#))
- **ISIS Links—First FIR In Kerala:** The concerned youth Riyab'ul Rahaman, is supposed to be with the ISIS in Syria. ([All Press, September 17, 2015](#))
- **Suicide Blasts Killed 21 In Baghdad Police Check posts:** On Thursday. ([The Hindustan Times, September 18, 2015](#))

National Defence:

- **Indo-China Troops Face-Off Again:** It was on Actual Line Of Control in Ladakh area. ITBP and Army demolished the temporary huts built by the Chinese troops. ([The Statesman, September 13, 2015](#))

National Security:

- **Human Rights: Indian Home Minister NHRC-SHRCs Conference:** The aim of the meeting, being organised by the NHRC, is to discuss the ways and means to make the NHRC and the SHRCs stronger and effective for the promotion and protection of human rights. There are 25 States in the country so far which have set up SHRCs, autonomous bodies independent of the NHRC. The Commission has proposed to the Government of India for an amendment in the Protection of Human Rights (PHR) Act, 1993 for constitution of Human Rights Commissions in the Union Territories. <http://www.security-risks.com/security-trends-south-asia/india-terrorism/home-minister-nhrc-shrcs-conference-5514.html>
- **5-year Ban Imposed On NSCN(K):** A notification will soon issue. ([All Press, September 1, 2015](#))

Cyber Crime:

- **China, US Consensus On Cyber Crime:** This was announced by China on Sunday. ([PTI, September 14, 2015](#))

General:

- **Move To Bring Separatists Under One Umbrella In Kashmir:** It is being attempted by the Jamaat (Jamaat-e-Islami). The group will not support militancy at any cost. ([The Sunday Guardian, September 13, 2015](#))
- **India-origin Ashok Sridharan Elected Mayor of Bonn On Sunday.** ([PTI, All Press, September 15, 2015](#))
- **Godavari-Krishna Rivers Linked:** A historic move. Will greatly benefit farmers of Rayalaseema. ([HT, Sept. 17, 2015](#))
- **Ganesh Puja:** Typical Hindu Puja Of Ganesh Started Today (September 17). This is the biggest 10-day long festival in Maharashtra.



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Re-emergence of fire worshipping in Iraqi Kurds

Author: Abu Umar Farooq- Baghdad, Newspaper:- Urdu Nai Dunia Weekly

Iraqi Kurds which are fading up with religious hatred, continuous violence, terrorism are distancing themselves from Islam. They are thinking that the only way to their lives is leaving the Islamic faith. And with this the **Kurds from Kurdistan region of Iraq** have given the new lease of life to the smallest and oldest fire worshipping religion called Zoroastrian, which was founded by one Iranian. Continuous violence against Kurds in Iraq have compelled the Kurds to reinvent 3500 year old Zoroastrianism and at present only 1 lakh 90 thousand people are following this faith worldwide. After the emergence of Islam very few were left over, but now, after new trend of Kurds accepting Zoroastrian faith, their numbers are increasing now. This was evident in Sulaymaniyah province in Iraq for the first time in over a thousand years, locals in a rural part conducted an ancient ceremony on May 1, whereby followers put on a special belt that signifies they are ready to serve the religion and observe its tenets. It would be akin to a baptism in the Christian faith.



The newly pledged Zoroastrians have said that they will organize similar ceremonies elsewhere in Iraqi Kurdistan and they have also asked permission to build up to 12 temples inside the region, which has its own borders, military, and Parliament. Zoroastrians are also visiting government departments in Iraqi Kurdistan and they have asked that Zoroastrianism be acknowledged as a religion officially. They even have their own anthem and many locals are attending Zoroastrian events and responding to Zoroastrian organizations and pages on social media.

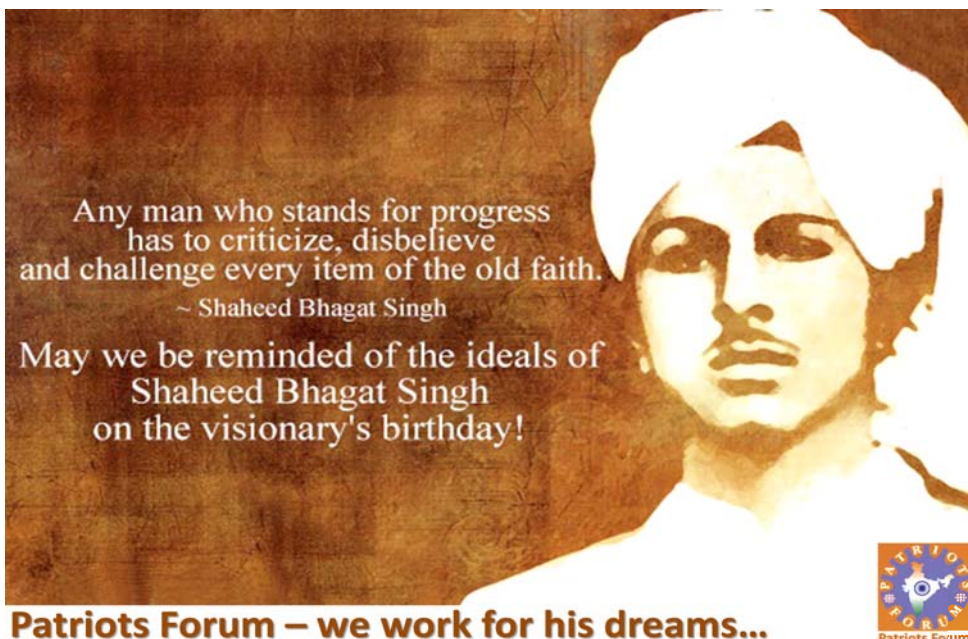
“This religion will restore the real culture and religion of the Kurdish people,” says Luqman al-Haj Karim, a senior representative of Zoroastrianism and head of the Zoroastrian organization, Zand, who believes that his belief system is more “Kurdish” than most. “The revival is a part of a cultural revolution, that gives people new ways to explore peace of mind, harmony and love,” he insists. http://m.newshunt.com/india/english-newspapers/news-bharati/urdu/reemergence-of-fire-worshipping-in-iraqi-kurds_42346427/c-in-l-english-n-newsbhar-ncat-urdu

Indonesia Wants Ramayana Exchange with India

Indonesia is keen to re- build links with India culturally through ‘Ramayana exchanges’. Anies Baswedan, Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia said during his visit here. He said “Our Ramayana is known across the world. It is an important element of tourism for our country. Even in our schools we use its characters for teaching. We would like that our Ramayana artists stage their shows at-least twice a year in different cities of India.

In fact, we would like to have regular festivals of Ramayana in India,” he said. Anies met Union culture minister Mahesh Sharma on Tuesday and discussed the proposal. “We would also like Indian artists to visit Indonesia and perform Ramayana there. It will be wonderful to see sometime artists of both the countries performing Ramayana on a common platform. It would be such a beautiful cultural blend,” the Indonesian leader said. When contacted, culture minister Mahesh Sharma said it was an excellent proposal and he would take it forward.

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