

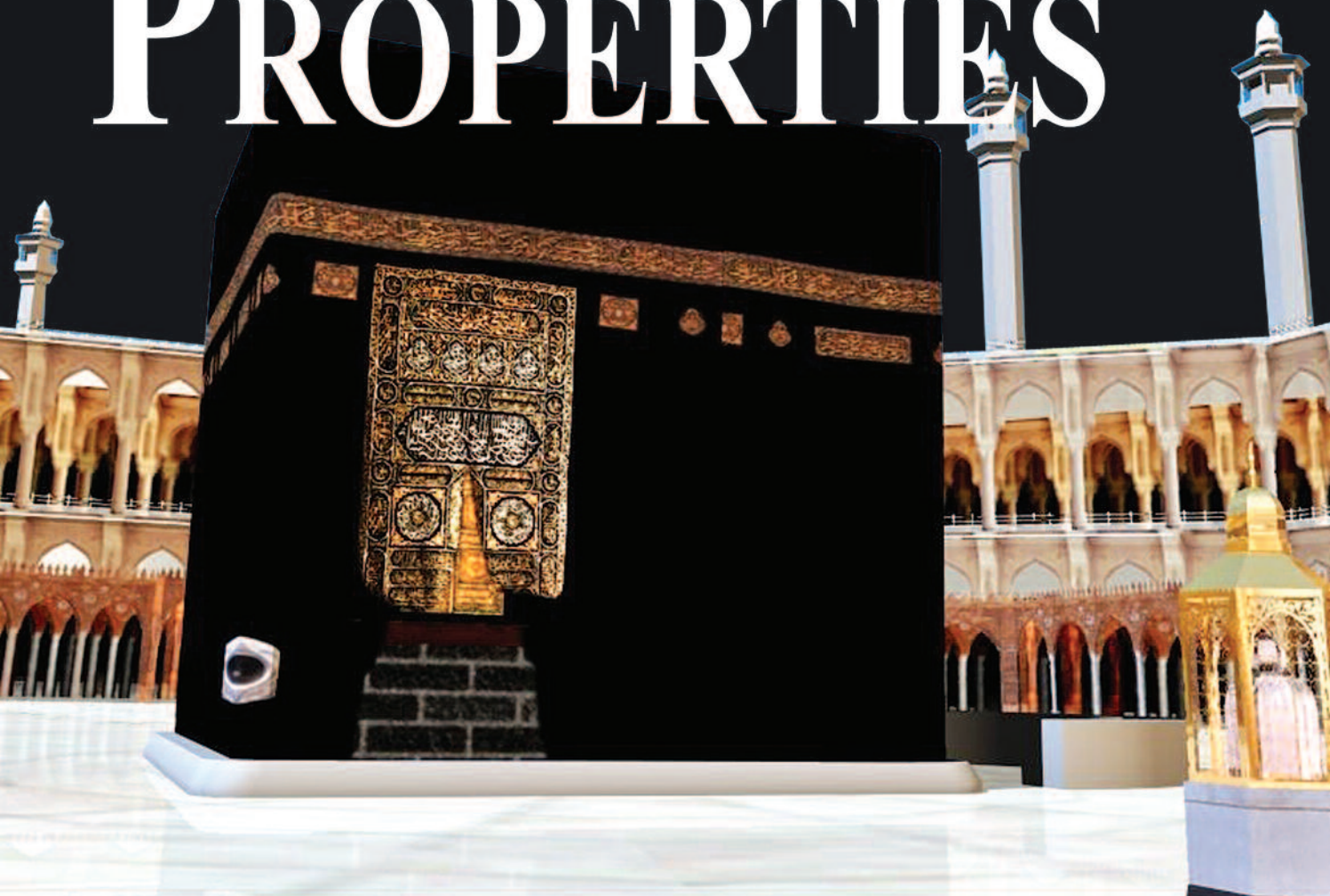
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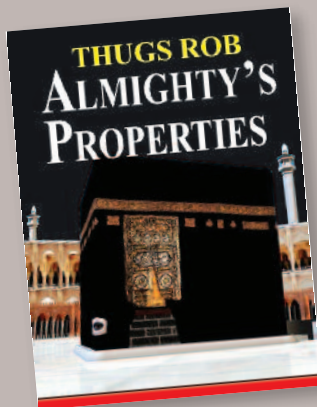
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Dear Readers,

What we are bringing out is only a tip of the iceberg. A lot needs to be unearthed which requires a lot of time and painstaking efforts.

The 'Wakf Special' contains a few stories which explain the deceitful tactics of the politicians - particularly the MIM and Congress leaders, corrupt officials of various government departments and the Wakf Board.



During the course of collecting information under the Right to Information Act, it has been observed that the Wakf Board never bothered to conduct real time survey of wakf properties based on the original records (Muntakabs), prepared during Nizam and Qutb Shahi regimes.

The properties attached to masjids as shown in the current records of the Wakf Board had been prepared based on hearsay and on the instructions of influential people including politicians and officials resulting in huge loss to the Muslim community.

Me and my family had to face severe hardships including false criminal cases, harassment by police and rejection by several people while working for the cause. But I believe in the Quranic verse, "Allah has full knowledge of your enemies, and Allah is Sufficient as a Wali (Protector), and Allah is Sufficient as a Helper." S. 4:45

Expressing my gratefulness to the Almighty for giving me the opportunity to bring out this special issue, let me assure you, I would never stop as long as the blessings of Almighty are with me.

I also thank all those people who stood by me through my troubled period and the management of The News Publications for allowing me to publish this 'Wakf Special'.

I take sole responsibility for the contents of this special issue. I am only responsible for any legal issues arising out of this special issue.

I appeal to my brethren to come together and work for the protection of wakf properties in the interest of the society.

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Zahid Ali Khan



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The journalists who dared to create awareness

Muslim masses across the globe in general and Hyderabad city in particular were kept in dark about the existence of wakf properties for long. Leaders of two political parties – Congress and All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) – made big money out of the properties by treating the wakf properties as their own.

The general Muslim population has constantly been misled by the selfish and corrupt politicians through provocative speeches and drove the anger towards right wing forces. Little did they do to eradicate illiteracy and create awareness among the Muslim masses on the need for education.

Also, they never disclosed in black and white the existence of thousands of acres of wakf lands and valuable properties. These leaders had the opportunity to take steps for the generation of reasonable revenue out of the wakf properties and utilized the same for the welfare of the poor Muslims. Instead, these leaders were always interested in usurping the wakf properties and become rich overnight.



Siasat editor Zahid Ali Khan, reporter Ather Moin injured in MIM attack

In this backdrop, editors of three Urdu newspapers took the responsibility on their shoulders of creating awareness among the Muslim masses and unearth the irregularities taking place in connection with the wakf properties.

Siasat Editor Zahid Ali Khan, Rahnuma-e-Deccan Chief Editor Syed Vicaruddin and Musif Editor-in-Chief Khan Lateef Mohammed Khan played very important role in bringing out scandals related to wakf properties and the irregularities going on in the Wakf Board.

These three editors encouraged their reporters who worked hard and generated stories on any kind of irregularities related to wakf properties. Khaja Atheruddin aka Ather Moin and Mubasshir of Siasat, senior journalists Basheeruddin of Munsif and Abubakar of Rahnuma-e-Deccan

contributed scores of reports uncovering the irregularities and scams related to wakf properties.

There was a period when scamsters and land grabbers with their clout in law enforcement agencies made covert attempts to brand Ather Moin as an agent of terror outfits and threatened with getting him eliminated in an encounter.

However, the Siasat management stood by Ather Moin and extended its support to the reporter, thereby reiterating the newspaper's commitment to the cause of wakf properties.

The commitment to the cause of wakf properties invited the wrath of corrupt politicians who orchestrated a deadly attack on Siasat editor Zahid Ali Khan and reporters Ather Moin and Mubasshir Ahmed. Fortunately, they survived the attack with injuries. Prior to this attack, corrupt politicians and land sharks through their henchmen attacked Zahid Ali Khan with filth collected from sewer.

Despite these developments, the three newspapers continue to play key role for the protection of wakf properties.



Masjid - E - Sultanbagh under encroachment. (Inset: Abdul Wahed Owaisi)

Masjid-E-Sultanbagh, Victim of late Abdul Wahed Owaisi's collusive carelessness



It appears the collusion between All India Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) leaders and the grabbers of Wakf lands did not begin with the current chiefs of the party. In fact, the then chief of AIMIM Abdul Wahed Owaisi seems to have colluded with the land grabbers and encroachers of Wakf properties at

Lower Tank Bund and intentionally lost the legal battle against the land grabbers.

This case relates to the Wakf properties attached to Masjid-e-Sultan Bagh. Today, reputed star hotel, Marriot, is run on the Wakf land, which was acquired by encroachers and land grabbers.

Abdul Wahed Owaisi, the then chief of MIM and a learned advocate, was supposed to file a suit for perpetual injunction in the High Court since in the year 1965 the lower court had no jurisdiction to deal with a case involving property valued at Rs 1.5 lakh. Despite knowing very well about this, the then MIM chief seems to have filed the suit in the First Additional Chief Judge Court, whose pecuniary jurisdiction extends only up to Rs 5,000.

Old timers say the then MIM chief deliberately filed the case in a lower court and made a deal with the land grabbers at the cost of Almighty's properties. It is because of this reason he did not even bother to file an appeal before the High Court. Of course, some members of the Wakf Board were also involved in the shady deal, they allege.

The four acre land is currently worth crores of rupees. What is sickening is that several graves on the Wakf land had been raged to develop the star hotel. The more disturbing fact is that the entire file related to this Wakf Institution mysteriously disappeared from the Wakf Board when the present chief of MIM, Asaduddin Owaisi, was a member of the Board.

Documents available with The News clearly show that Gulam Dastagir and Hafeezuddin were taking care of the properties of Sultan Bagh mosque on behalf of

the Wakf Board. However, following their death, their widows and minor children of both the families executed a sale deed in favour of DS Lakshmi, wife of Col. D Sanjeeva Rao and C Mohan Kumari, wife of C Satyanarayana on August 3, 1964 claiming that it was ancestral property.

The Wakf Board officials appear to have been slack in preventing the illegal sale transaction despite having documentary proofs such as Muntakhab (copy of endowment register) dated 22-2-1350 Fasli and 21-7-1355 Fasli. There were several other documents to show that the 4 acre land belonged to Wakf Board.

Yet, the land grabbers managed to sell the property while the buyers knowing very well about the facts, purchased the property. A bottling unit was run on the land before it was converted into a luxury hotel, owned by one P Prabhakara Reddy.

The House Committee on Wakf Properties summoned Prabhakara Reddy to record his version. On October 24, 1995, the managing director of Palace Heights Hotels Limited, Prabhakara Reddy gave in writing to the House Committee that the property was purchased through registered sale deed and a bottling unit was run for about 30 years before converting it into a hotel. Necessary permissions were obtained from the authorities concerned and nobody disturbed with the peaceful enjoyment of the property ever until summoned by the House Committee.

He also informed the House Committee that the claim of the Wakf Board was baseless and sought to drop the proceedings.

The House committee also



Marriott Hotel stands on the land belonging to Masjid - E - Sultanbagh under encroachment.
(Inset: Abdul Wahed Owaisi)

spoke to various people in this connection and arrived at a conclusion that Gulam Dastagir was a land grabber, while Col. D Sanjeeva Rao and K Balraj, who purchased the land, were encroachers.

“Not knowing the fact that the Wakf Institutions and the properties are registered Wakf Institutions of 1350 Fasli (1940) is not an acceptable version. Therefore, the registered sale deeds between Gulam Dastagir and Col. Sanjeeva Rao and others will not be valid and deserved to be cancelled,” the House Committee said in its report.

The Committee recommended the Wakf Board to take expeditious steps to file cases in the concerned courts against the persons who are occupying the Wakf Properties of these Wakf Institutions and see that the entire property is taken back under its control.

Unfortunately, the House Committee, in which Asaduddin Owaisi is a member, also said in its report that, “If such a course of action cannot be effectively taken, the Wakf Board may file a suit for compensation from the encroachers as per the present market value.”

The members of the House Committee, particularly Asaduddin Owaisi, who is Barrister at Law and Mumtaz Ahmed Khan, knew very well that a Wakf property cannot be alienated at any cost and there is a direction from the Supreme Court which says ‘once a Wakf is always a Wakf’.

Yet, the House Committee, apparently under the influence of Asaduddin Owaisi, recommended the Wakf Board to file a suit for compensation in an attempt to cover up the misdeed of the then MIM chief Abdul Wahed Owaisi and also the subsequent silence of

successive MIM chiefs – Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi and Asaduddin Owaisi - over the issue.

Salahuddin and Asaduddin could have filed a case against the land grabbers under section 3(k) of The Wakf Act, 1995, which says any person interested in Wakf can file a case.

According to the Act, person interested in wakf means any person who is entitled to receive any pecuniary or other benefits from the wakf and includes any person who has a right to worship or to perform any religious rite in a mosque, idgah, imambara, dargah, khangah, maqbara, graveyard or any other religious institution connected with the wakf or to participate in any religious or charitable institution under the wakf.

Yet, the MIM leaders chose to remain silent which shows their dishonesty towards their much hyped ideals.

Malakpet MLAs brother grabs wakf land near Charminar

If you are the brother of a legislator, you can do anything. At least that is the general perception and that is what has been done by Malakpet MLA Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala's brother Shah Faisal Bin Abdullah Balala.

Taking advantage of his brother's position and his own position as MIM leader, it appears Shah Faisal had tried to grab wakf property in the prime area of Old city, located in front of Khilwat Palace near Charminar.

Land grabbing by Malakpet MLA's brother came to light when he began construction work on a 500 square yards site at the premises bearing municipal number 20-4-231 in Motigalli. However, wakf protection activists - Deccan Wakf Properties Protection Society president Osman Bin Mohamed Al Hajri, M A Basith and Mohammed Inayath - lodged complaints with the wakf board, GHMC and police officials, but no action was taken by the officials.

Subsequently, the wakf protection activists approached the Wakf Tribunal seeking eviction of the land grabber and recovery of possession of the wakf property. The Wakf Tribunal gave its order in favour of the wakf protection activists following which Shah Faisal tried to play master stroke. He got cancelled the registered sale deed through which he purported to have purchased the property. But he continued his legal fight seeking ownership rights over the property.

Wakf protection activists approach high court

Another brother of the MLA runs illegal news channel



Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala

Having no other option, the wakf protection activists approached the High Court saying the property was actually a wakf property known as Maqbera Nawab Kawanja Bahadur and the object of wakf is for prayers.

The petitioners submitted several documents including the AP Gazette dated June 9, 1983 showing the suit schedule property was actually wakf property. Based on the documents, the high court granted the following order.

"The material filed before this court, prima-facie, shows that property bearing municipal No.20-4-231 situated at Motigalli, Hyderabad, is Wakf property notified in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated 09-06-1983, and that the 3rd respondent (Shah Faisal Bin Abdullah Balala) has un-

dertaken some construction in the premises without obtaining construction permission from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

In the circumstances, there shall be an interim direction to the 1st respondent (GHMC) to consider the representation, dated 19-10-2012, submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action according to law."

It can be construed from the high court order and the documents submitted by the wakf protection activists that Shah Faisal, with the support of his legislator brother, had tried to grab the wakf property.

It is pertinent to mention here that another brother of Ahmed Balala has been running an illegal cable TV channel. Owned by the Malakpet MLA's brothers - Jaffer Bin Abdullah Balala, Mohsin Bin Abdullah Balala and others - the local TV channel named 4TV is being run on a local cable operator license obtained from the postal department, whereas one needs to obtain license from the Information & Broadcasting Ministry to run a news channel.

This particular news channel is known for televising hate speeches and in fact functions as the official TV channel of MIM.

Land sharks grab property attached to Mecca Mosque

- Owaisi family, MIM leaders, Wakf Board facilitate land sharks
- Activists booked for opposing land grabbing



Beginning with late Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi aka Salar to his kids Asaduddin Owaisi, Akbaruddin Owaisi and other MIM leaders including former MLA of Karwan Mohammed Muqtada Khan aka Afsar Khan and Mehraj Hussain Jaffer, currently contesting from Nampally Assembly Constituency – all of them not just remained mute spectators but helped land sharks grab Wakf property attached to historical Mecca Mosque.

Unfortunately, the property records

Unfortunately, the property records related historical royal mosque has been ‘misplaced’ at the instance of corrupt politicians and officials concerned. However, documents showing 25 acres given to Jharubkash (Sweeper) for keeping Mecca Mosque clean have been secured by this author

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It is pertinent to mention here that in the olden days, people entrusted with various re-

sponsibilities such as Qatib (who gives discourse on Friday), Pesh Imam (who administers prayers every day), Moazzan (who gives azaan calling devotees for prayers), Qazi (who performs marriages) and other helpers like sweepers, those who take care of lighting and filling water etc., were not paid salaries. Instead, they were given huge extents of agricultural land out of which



they used to eke livelihood and extended their services to the mosque to which they have been assigned. Thus, such lands are called 'service inam' and the land is given from time to time to those who actually extended the assigned service to the mosque.

However, as the times changes, corrupt politicians, scholars and officials colluded with each other and destroyed the original records showing the properties attached to mosques and prepared fake records and documents. Either they lured or deceived people extending service to the mosques and got issued pattas in the name of people extending services to the mosques thereby paving way for land grabbing. Subsequently, the land sharks sold away the Wakf properties and amassed huge wealth at the cost of poor muslims.



MIM leaders Afsar Khan, Mehraj Hussain Jaffer and others supervising razing of Muslim graveyard to help land sharks at Shaikpet

Likewise, according to sources, there were thousands of acres of agricultural land attached to Mecca Mosque since it was patronized by Qutbshahi royals. However, records had either been

destroyed or kept under wraps except for the 25 acres land meant for sweeper, located in survey numbers 75 & 76 in Shaikpet village.

But the 25 acres land now



Qutb Shahi Mosque encroached by International School run by Kakarla Subbarao



Mecca Mosque (file photo)

worth thousands of crores had been grabbed by land sharks with the active support of MIM leaders and the same has been sold away to real estate developers. The developers are now constructing luxurious flats on the wakf land and selling each flat at around Rs 2 crore.

What is more shocking is that MIM leaders – Afsar Khan, Mehraj Hussain Jaffer (currently contesting from Nampally Assembly Constituency) and MLC and former Wakf Board Member Syed Altaf Hyder Razvi and others physically sat on the Wakf land along with police and GHMC officials and personally supervised the demoli-

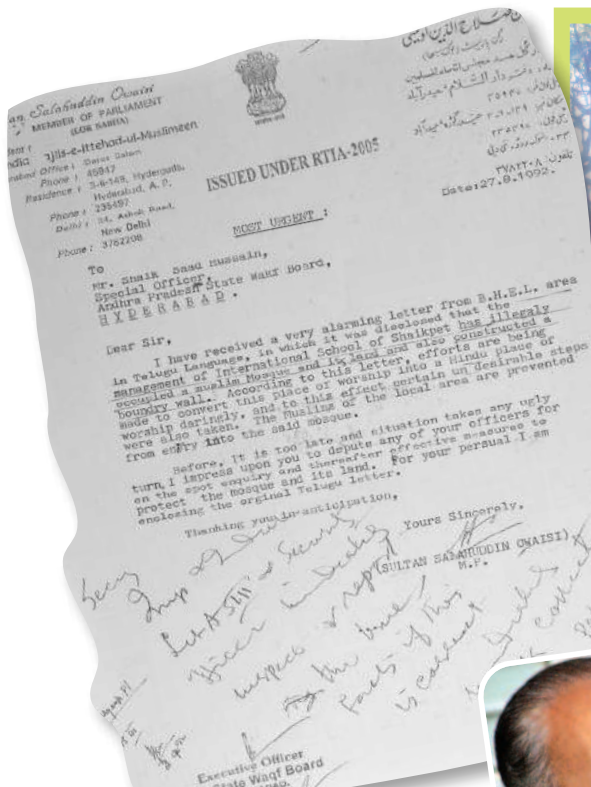
tion of centuries old Muslim Graveyard to provide road for the land sharks.

On the other hand, late Salar, who was aware of the encroachments in Shaikpet by land sharks way back in 1992, wrote a letter to the Special Officer of the Wakf Board on August 27, 1992 in connection with the safety of Qutb Shahi Mosque and graveyard inside the premises of an international school, promoted by renowned doctor Kakarla Subba Rao.

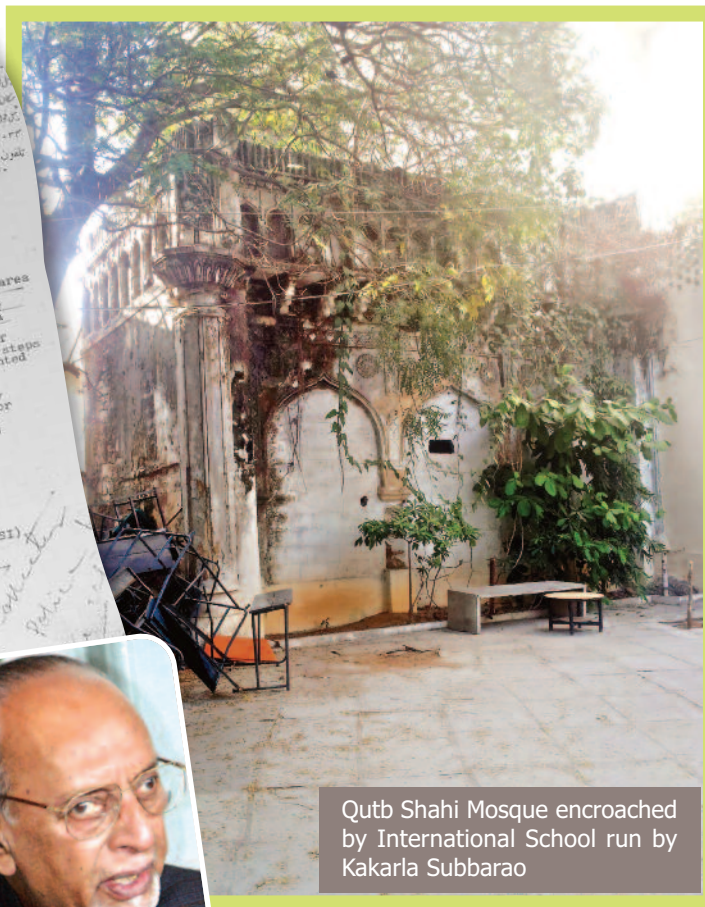
Subsequently, for the reasons best known to late Salar, no follow-up was done on the issue following which the mosque was

closed on all four sides, while part of the graveyard was razed to make way for a garden. The remaining part of graveyard was already razed with the support of MIM leaders to provide road for Wakf land grabbers.

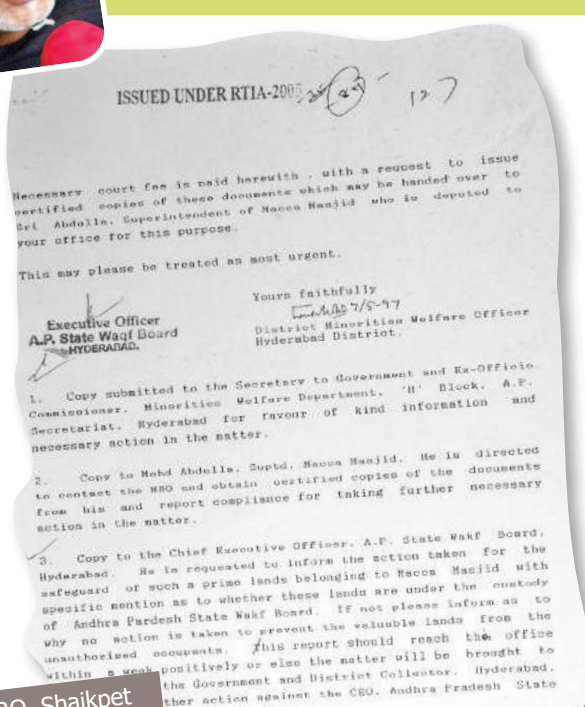
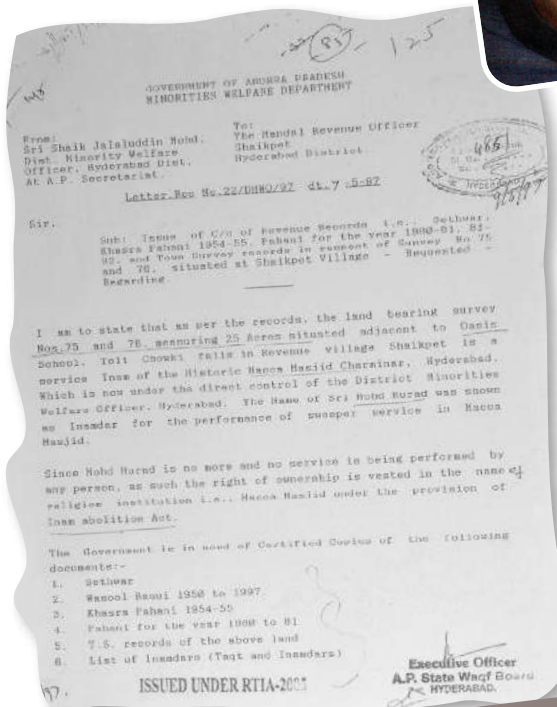
Further, a NGO named Social Reformer Organisation addressed a letter to Asaduddin Owaisi, the then MLA, Syed Sajjad, ex-MLA, MIM and president of Andhra Pradesh State Wakf Board Employees Welfare Association, president of Students Islamic Organisation, president of Tamir-e-Millat, Madina Mansion, Narayanaguda, Hyderabad, president of DJS, Chanchalguda, dis-



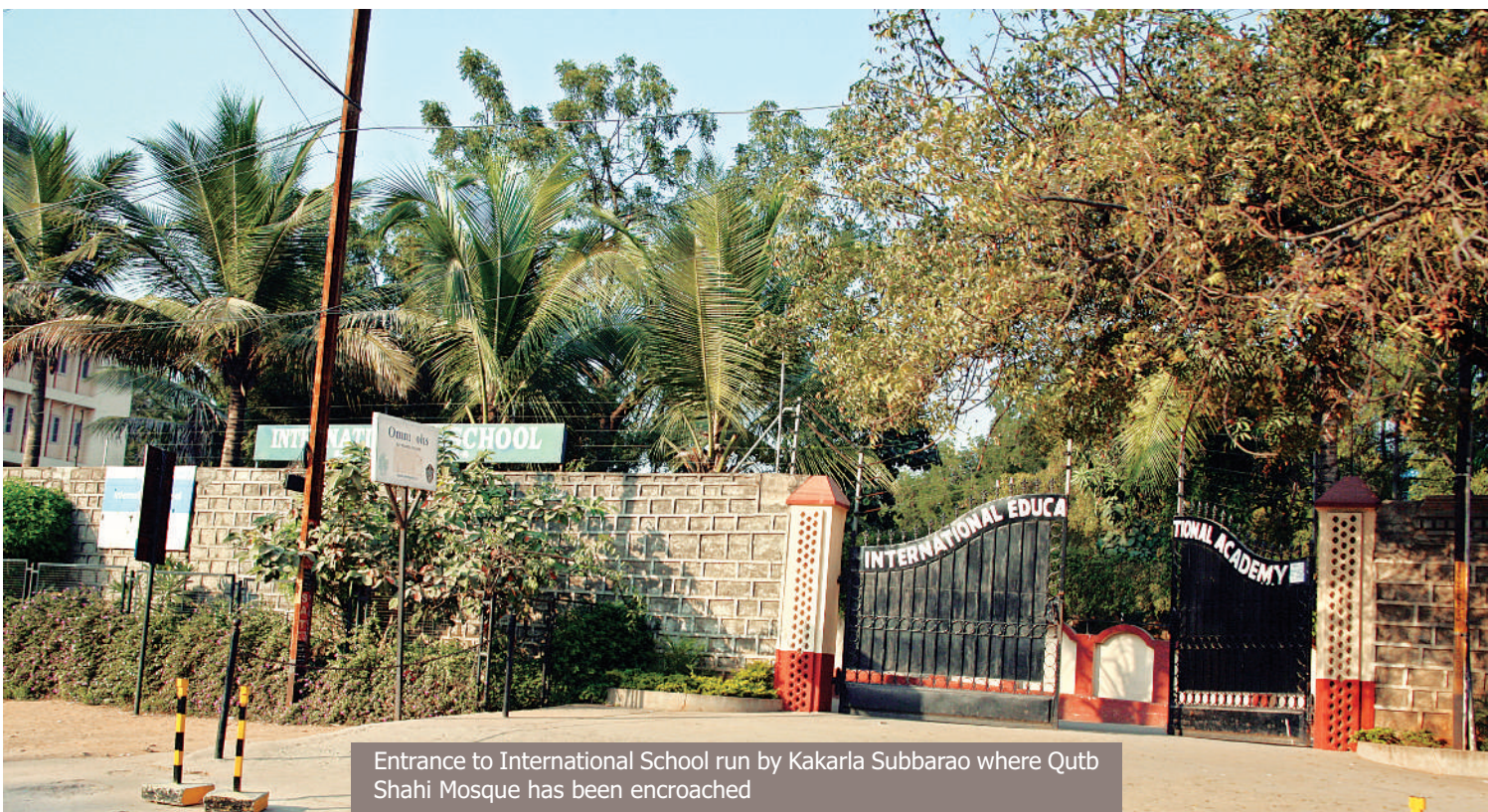
Late Sulta Salahuddin Owaisi's one and only letter to Wakf Board special officer



Qutb Shahi Mosque encroached by International School run by Kakarla Subbarao



DMWO letter to MRO, Shaikpet



Entrance to International School run by Kakarla Subbarao where Qutb Shahi Mosque has been encroached

trict collector of Ranga Reddy district, chief secretary, secretary of minorities welfare department and the then chairman of wakf board urging them to take necessary action to protect Mecca Mosque land at Shaikpet.

However, except for the secretary of minorities welfare department, all others maintained mysterious silence. Only the then secretary to government, minorities welfare department, Mohammed Shafiquzzaman gave as many as 11 memos including DO Letter to Wakf Board between February 1996 to December 1997 asking the latter No. 747/W-II/A3/96-13, dt 25-10-1997 to initiate action against land grabbers.

After prolonged correspondence between the minorities welfare department, Wakf Board, revenue and GHMC, the Board asked GHMC officials to protect

the open land, mosque and graveyard at Shaikpet attached to Mecca Mosque. However, the GHMC officials in their reply stated clearly that it was the responsibility of Wakf Board to protect the property.

Subsequently, the Wakf Board constituted a managing committee to manage the graveyard and open land at Shaikpet attached to Mecca Mosque in the year 2006. The Board lodged two separate FIRs (Cr.No.811/2009 and Cr.No. 905 of 2010) against GHMC officials on charges of trespassing into Wakf property, demolition of graves and hurting the religious feelings.

The managing committee was fighting a case against Aparna Constructions before the Wakf Tribunal. Even as the case was pending, the Wakf Board disbanded the managing committee

for obvious reasons.

In another shocking development, the then cabinet minister Mohammed Ali Shabbir expressed his willingness to give some of the land on a long term lease to Maheswari Mega Ventures Limited, though Wakf Act clearly states that wakf properties cannot be given on long term lease to anyone.

However, in a shocking move the Board passed a resolution (No. 643 of 2010 dt. 19-10-2010) and handed over the land (open land and graveyard) to GHMC for road widening without asking for compensation. Interestingly, nobody including Wakf Board is permitted according to Wakf Act to alienate Wakf property or allow anybody to demolish mosques and graveyards at any cost.

In this case, the resolution was passed against the interests of



not only Wakf Board but against the interests of common muslims even as the self styled champions of Hyderabad muslims - Owaisi brothers, Mohammed Ali Shabbir and Ahmedullah chose not to oppose the decision.

Going a step ahead and with the blessings of Owaisi brothers, MIM leaders Afsar Khan, the then deputy mayor Mehraj Hussain Jaf-

fer, MLC and former Wakf Board member Altaf Haider Razvi and senior officials of GHMC and police department physically supervised the razing of graveyards to provide road for real estate developers who had encroached Wakf property attached to Mecca Mosque with the help of MIM and Congress leaders and corrupt officials.

The biggest irony in this episode is registering a criminal case against Deccan Wakf Properties Protection Cell president Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri and 100 others including women for opposing the demolition of graveyard and razing hundreds of graves.

The police, allegedly at the behest of MIM leaders, chased and harassed Osman Bin Mohammed and his associates following the protest. The harassment ended only after judiciary intervened and granted a stay.

Now, a concrete jungle can be seen on the Wakf land attached to Mecca Mosque and several real estate companies are constructing high rise buildings at a brisk pace. It is time officials concerned and the common people come together for the protection of wakf properties.



Masjid-e-Omar Farooq awaits reconstruction

- MIM leaders keep silent
- Muslim leaders in Congress reluctant
- Common Muslims question honesty of their leaders



The then Congress government headed by Y S Rajasekhara Reddy in consultation with MIM leaders and so-called Islamic scholars ordered demolition of a mosque and razed the graveyard at Shamshabad to facilitate GMR Group start the international airport works.

Masjid-e-Omar Farooq was constructed in Galwaguda village in Shamshabad. Along with the mosque, a muslim graveyard and an Eidgah were also there over a piece of 1.5 acre land. However, the structures were razed on the orders of the government, which handed over 5,400 acres of land to GMR Group for the purpose of developing the airport. The airport land includes 1,060 acres of wakf land attached to Dargah Hazrath Baba Sharfuddin.

When Muslim community launched agitation protesting against the razing of mosque and graveyard, the then Minister for Minorities Welfare, Mohammed Ali Shabbir made a promise in the Assembly on March 12, 2008 on behalf of the state government that the mosque would be reconstructed within the airport premises.

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) leaders claimed credit for the government's announcement. However, after the completion of airport, the state government and the MIM leaders conveniently forgot the issue.

Concerned Muslims allege that it has been the tradition for MIM to strike secret deals with Congress whenever the latter resorted to anti-Muslim activities. They allege that the present MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi's father late Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi aka Salar struck a deal with Congress



government at the centre and did not raise voice when Babri Masjid was demolished in the year 1992. Subsequently, neither Salar nor his sons – Asaduddin and Akbaruddin – opposed the demolition of Masjid-e-Omar-Farooq at Shamshabad because they entered into a secret pact with Rajasekhara Reddy, they said.

Local Muslims strongly desire the demolished mosque should be reconstructed on the airport land since the GMR Group has taken 1,060 acres of wakf land for the airport. Tension grips the airport area whenever the local Muslims try to offer Friday prayers outside the airport.

However, the MIM leaders,

the self styled champions of Islam, have been keeping themselves aloof from the issue. Instead of fighting for the cause with the government and officials, it is alleged that the MIM leaders instigate innocent public through provocative speeches.

Concerned Muslims allege that the MIM leaders constantly keep the Muslim electorate in dark through misleading speeches in which they blame leaders of other political parties and outfits. The MIM leaders have never been honest to the cause of poor muslims, they said.

It is time the people realize the true colours of the selfish leaders and teach them a befitting lesson.



Marked image shows the space where Qutb Shahi Mosque was demolished for real estate project

MOSQUE SACRIFICED FOR MONEY?

- Nefarious deals between Corrupt Politicians, officials and the accused
- So-called gentlemen too enter into secret deals at the cost of Qutb Shahi Mosque

There have been instances where communal clashes erupted when non-Muslims played drums in front of a mosque. Imagine what happens if a mosque is demolished.

Don't shudder. After some protests by common Muslims, politicians and corrupt officials entered into a compromise with those who demolished a Qutb Shahi Mosque in the old city of Hyderabad.

It happened because the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) did not evince

any interest as the people involved in the demolition were very close to MIM. The accused were real estate developers and rich enough to silence corrupt politicians and officials.

This is the case of Masjid-e-Qutb Shahi, located in survey numbers 97, 98 and 99 of Balapur village in Ranga Reddy district. The vast extent of land surrounding the mosque was attached to wakf institution.

Trouble began when real estate developers – Dream India Group – launched its new project

'Mega Dream City at Balapur, RCI. They planned to grab the wakf lands by removing the mosque.

Accordingly, they first began cleaning the open lands bit by bit and one fine day on January 17, 2012 demolished the 400 years old mosque with the help of heavy machinery. Devout Muslims, wakf protection activists and MBT leaders staged agitations demanding severe punishment for the people responsible for the demolition of the mosque.

Initially, it appeared police danced to the tunes of the real es-

tate developers and their god fathers. The police officials tried to create fear among the protestors by shooting the images of the protestors. But police had to relent in view of the growing protests.

The wakf board was forced to act and lodge a complaint against the land grabbers. Police registered a case against Saleem, Sanobar Baig and others, based on the complaint given by the wakf board officials.

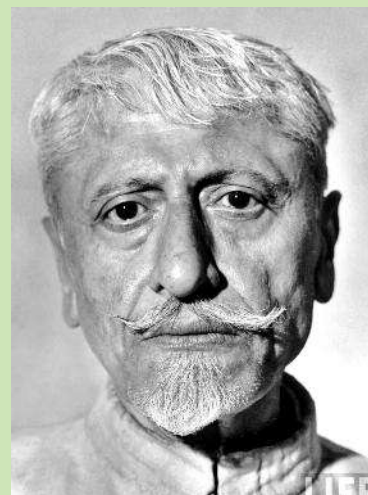
The then Minister for Minorities Welfare, Syed Mohammed Ahmedullah, who visited the site following protests, told the devout Muslims that he had asked the police commissioner to keep the accused behind bars until the reconstruction of the mosque.

However, the accused came out of the jail within few days and pulled the strings through their god fathers in such a way that the Wakf Board surrendered to the demolishers and arrived at a compromise. The Wakf Board facilitated the accused in getting an order from the high court quashing the FIR lodged against them, while the police officials looked the other way. The court quashed the FIR based on a memo issued by the then CEO of Wakf Board M A Gaffar to Inspector Auditor of Ranga Reddy, Shabbar Basha, who had lodged the complaint on the representation of Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri.

Subsequently, the accused developed a huge real estate venture named Mega Dream City. The brochures show the mosque in the middle of the gated community, which in itself is self explanatory that the venture has been developed on encroached land.

In fact, the real estate developers are boasting about con-

It is apt to recall here that Moulana Abul Kalam Azad through his weekly 'Al-Hilal' had appealed to the conscience of the Muslims by extending invitation to declare that "All the Muslims should declare their determination that it is possible to cut the loafs of flesh from their bodies but the building of the Mosque, its boundary, or even an inch of its piece cannot be removed or dismantled" (Al-Hilal dated: 11-06-1912).



Following persons were holding office in Wakf Board when Qutb Shahi mosque in Balapur was demolished and subsequently a secret deal was made with the accused.

Syed Shah Afzal Biabani - Chairman

Syed Shah Akbar Nizamuddin - Member

Syed Zaheer Ali Soofi - Member

M A Jabbar - Member

Z H Javeed - Member

Iliyas Seth - Member

structing the mosque as part of the venture and the wakf board, politicians, police, revenue, registration and income tax officials are keeping mysterious silence.

Even if it is assumed that the land is not wakf property and owned by the accused, it is mandatory for them to convert the land use from agriculture to non-agriculture purposes. And for this, the land owners must pay nine percent of the market value.

In this case, the accused were supposed to pay little over Rs 2 crore towards conversion fee. The moment the land is converted into commercial, its value goes up and buyers will have to pay stamp duty on square yard basis. But the ac-

cused neither converted the land from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose, nor did they pay any fee, thereby causing huge revenue loss to the exchequer.

Complaints were given to revenue, police and registration departments in this connection. But, none of the departments bothered to initiate action for the simple reason that the accused enjoy the support of their god fathers.

It is time the officials of revenue, registration and income tax departments take action against the accused, while politicians need to protect the interests of common people. Also, the buyers should rethink on their plans to invest in Dream India projects.

MASJID COMMITTEE HEADED BY AFSAR KHAN HELPS LAND GRABBERS

- Foists cases against wakf protection activists
- Osman Al Hajri family victimised



Osman Al Hajri being taken away by the police

Not only did the MIM leader Muqtada Khan aka Afsar Khan grabbed wakf property worth hundreds of crores located at Mehdiapatnam, but he did not bother to revive Masjid-e-Qutb Shahi, located adjacent to Karodgiri Naka in Karwan though he became the president of this masjid committee in the year 2004.

It is alleged that he became the president of this masjid committee with an intention to facilitate his associates grab the valuable open land of about six acres attached to the masjid and another 29 acres of land belonging to Toli Mosque. Both the lands are located next to each other.

As the masjid committee headed Afsar Khan did not revive the mosque despite repeated requests from concerned muslims, a team headed by Siasat Editor Zahed Ali Khan, Deccan Wakf Properties Protection Cell president Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri, his relative Maqbool Bin Abdullah Al Hajri, Munna Al Hajri and others cleaned the mosque and conducted prayers bringing it into use.

Maqbool also filed a case in the Wakf Tribunal (OS No. 97/2006), seeking an appropriate direction to the Wakf Board and the masjid committee, for the protection of the lands attached to the masjid, worth crores of rupees.

The Hajri family, which was associated with MIM until 2004, quit the party after coming to know about the MIM leaders' involvement in the grabbing and en-



Zahid Ali Khan, Osman Al Hajri and others seen after liberating Qutb Shahi Mosque at Karodgiri naka, Karwan

croachment of wakf properties. They started campaigning against the land grabbers which irked the MIM leaders in general and Afsar Khan in particular. The MIM leaders were waiting for an opportunity to cause trouble for Hajri family.

The opportunity arose on April 21, 2007 during the 'Praja Patham' programme organized at Mahboob Colony. Being residents of the same area, the Hajri family too attended the programme and sought redressal of grievances in the colony.

Taking this as an advantage, the MIM MLA concocted a story saying the Hajri family disrupted the programme and prevented the officials from discharging their duties. Instead of the local official, who is in incharge of the programme, the MIM MLA lodged a complaint with the police while a

couple of his supporters were cited as witnesses.

Under pressure from the MIM top brass, the police registered a criminal case against the Hajri family and the same was disposed by the court in December 2013 after a prolonged legal battle for a period of seven years.

The court of special magistrate in Khairatabad while disposing a criminal case (CC No.1 of 2013) observed that, "The sole evidence of PW-2 Mohammed Muqtada Khan aka Afsar Khan is not at all trustworthy and not free from the suspicion because his oral evidence deposited before court on oath is not getting collaboration on material aspects from other independent eye witnesses examined."

The court also observed that, "He deposed before court several exaggerated facts which are not

Zahid Ali Khan, Osman Al Hajri and others cleaning the Mosque



finding place in his report given under Exhibit P-1 (Police complaint). Similarly, he has not stated alleged criminal overt acts of any of the accused in his compliant. In cross examination he admitted above said omission which tantamount to contradictions. Therefore no prudent man would like to bank upon evidence of PW-2 Mohammed Muqtada Khan @ Afsar Khan."

This judgment and the past history of this MIM leader should be an eye opener for the citizens of Hyderabad.



Mohsin



Syed Farees Ahmed



Osman Al Hajri



Mohd Khairul Hasan

RTI activists are anti-social elements: AP Wakf Board

- Board passes resolution barring entry of activists
- Employees prohibited from speaking to RTI activists

There are innumerable scandals inside the Wakf Board. Scores of files and documents related to highly important and valuable wakf properties had either been misplaced or tampered in collusion with corrupt politicians and land sharks. So, they hate any activism that exposes them to public.

But four persons - Moullim

Mohsin Bin Hussain Al Kasary, Mohammed Khairul Hassan, Syed Farees Ahmed and Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri - had been fighting for the protection of Wakf properties in the face of threat and harassment.

Though they began their fight way back in 2003, it gained momentum after the Right to Information Act came into force. Since

2005, the four activists began seeking every piece of information that could be of any help in protecting wakf properties.

But the wakf board, its employees and their politician god fathers began feeling the heat and foresaw the threat to their prospects of looting almighty's property. All the thugs came together and devised a strategy to

stop the wakf protection activists from carrying out their fight.

Adopting the political methodology to approach a given situation, the wakf board employees and their hidden god fathers tried to persuade the activists, lured with financial and material offers and then tried to create differences among the activists. When all the three failed, they took to the path of violence.

With all the selfish people joining hands, the Wakf Board passed an unprecedented resolution (No. 145) on March 11, 2010 in the special board meeting held at the office of the wakf board. The unanimous resolution authorized the CEO to write letter to the commissioner of Hyderabad police seeking police outpost at Haj House to stop entry of what they called unsocial elements into the Haj House premises in general and wakf board office in particular.

The meeting also resolved that the CEO is can take severe administrative action against those employees entertaining or supporting what they called as outsiders and irrelevant persons and unsocial elements.

Interestingly, the agenda of the special board meeting pre-decided who the unsocial elements were. The agenda named Mohsin Bin Hussain Al Kasary, M K Hasan, Syed Farees Ahmed and Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri.

The agenda of the special board meeting says, "This group is used to file multiple and number of representations under RTI Act in respect of various wakf properties, whereas they are not at all concerned with such properties."

The wakf board employees were bewildered when they received as many as 50 appeals single

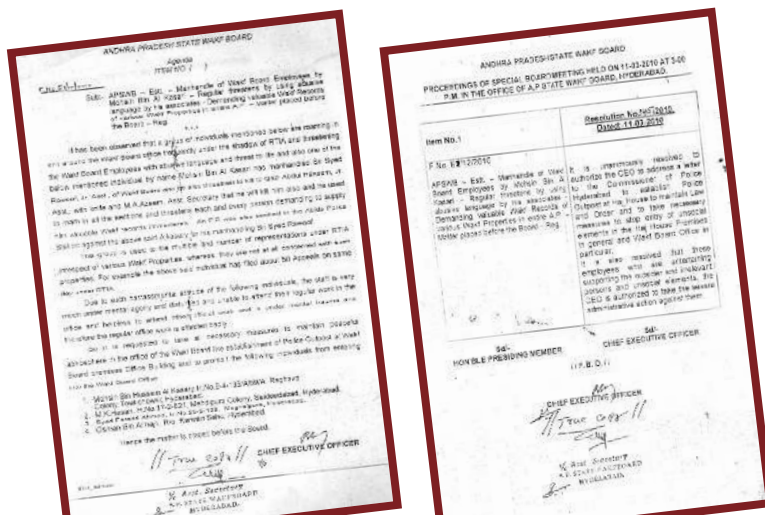
from Mohsin Bin Hussain in one single day and the same has been mentioned in the agenda of the special board meeting. It appears the board or its employees are not well versed either with RTI Act or with the Wakf Act. According to RTI Act, an applicant can file any number of applications seeking information, while the Wakf Act says any person interested can seek information about wakf properties.

According to the Act, "person interested in a wakf" means any person who is entitled to receive any pecuniary or other benefits from the wakf and includes any person who has a right to worship or to perform any religious rite in a mosque, idgah, imambara, dargah, khangah, maqbara, graveyard or any other religious institution connected with the wakf or to participate in any religious or charitable

institution under the wakf.

Yet, the special meeting of the wakf board unanimously deliberated and decided that the four persons are not at all connected with wakf properties and foisted cases against them with the only intention to prevent them from fighting against the irregularities, encroachments and alienation of wakf properties. The wakf board employees in collusion with corrupt police officials tried to open history sheets against the activists by foisting series of cases.

However, the courts noticed the illegal and autocratic behavior of the wakf board and the police officials and absolved the activists of all charges. It is time more and more RTI activists start working towards the protection of wakf properties to ensure the welfare of poor muslims.



Those present in the special board meeting dated March 11, 2010 that passed unanimous resolution against wakf protection and RTI activists

- Ilyas Seth – The Then Wakf Board chairman
- Syed Shah Akbar Nizamuddin – Member
- Syed Zaheer Ali Soofi – Member
- M A Jabbar – Member
- Syed Shah Afzal Biabani – Member
- B S Farooq Ahmed – CEO

Fence eats the crop, Masjid properties vanish

- Masjid managing committee role suspected
- Charminar MLA becomes president of managing committee
- Mosque located in Karwan Assembly Constituency

You might have often heard the famous saying 'fence eating the crop'. But you might be wondering how fence could eat the crop. You will understand after reading the following story involving a legislator and close relative of a powerful political party in Hyderabad.

The legislator, Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), representing Chariminar Assembly Constituency was made president, while MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi's cousin brother Yasar Arafat was made executive member of the managing committee of the Jamia-e-Masjid Kalan, situated at Kulsumpura in Karwan Assembly Constituency of Hyderabad.

Before the MIM leaders became office bearers of the managing committee, over 765 acres of agricultural land in Kulsumpura and two other villages – Chityal and Kokonda were attached to the masjid. Besides, several commercial shops and residential buildings were also attached to the masjid. All these properties were notified as wakf properties attached to the masjid in the official gazette published in 1985. (AP Gazzette No. 12-A, dated March 21, 1985 under the



Masjid-e-Kulsum Bibi (Masjid-e-Kalan) at Karwa
(Inset: MLA Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri)

Since MIM MLA was appointed as the president of managing committee, the wakf board did not even seek a report from the Inspector Auditor, which is mandatory for taking any decision in connection with wakf properties.

The term of the managing committee appointed in 2011 was to expire in July 2013. However, changes were made in the managing committee even before the completion of the term of the previous managing committee, i.e. in October 2012, allegedly following allegations of land grabbing and gross irregularities.

It is alleged that this exercise was carried out mainly to remove Yasar Arafat, close relative of Owaisi brothers in view of the allegations of land grabbing and irregularities.

Towliath of AP State Wakf Board)

The masjid had vast attached properties since it was built by Muhammed Quli Qutb Shah's daughter Kulsum Bibi aka Azeezunnisa Begum. All the attached properties were endowed by Kulsum Bibi.

Soon after the MIM leaders became office bearers of the masjid managing committee, the attached properties started vanishing at a quick pace. It is alleged that the managing committee actively colluded with land sharks and allowed the latter to grab the lands.

The managing committee had to take up survey of the properties attached to the masjid following a complaint lodged by Deccan Wakf Properties Protection Society president Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri.

During the survey it was found that more than half of the properties attached to the masjid were under the control of land grabbers and encroachers. It is alleged that the MIM leaders, who had complete knowledge of the wakf properties from the very beginning, encouraged land sharks and made huge money by not objecting to grabbing of wakf properties.

The MIM leaders also exerted undue influence on the wakf board officials and saw to it that the records related to masjid properties vanished. Since the records vanished and the common Muslims were kept in dark, they did not come to know the truth about their leaders.

However, a few RTI and wakf protection activists continued their struggle for the protection of wakf properties risking their lives and secured official records which show the actual amount of properties attached to this masjid.

It is time the common Muslims join hands with the RTI and wakf protection activists to save wakf properties from the clutches of selfish politicians, corrupt officials and land sharks.

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING

Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri, MLA	President
Ahmedullah Shah Quadri Chisti	Vice-president
Mohammed Badruddin Ahmed Subhani Shamshi Chisti and Quadri	Secretary
Mohammed Arshad Khan	Joint Secretary
Mohammed Habib Quadri	Treasurer
YASAR ARAFAT	Executive Member
Kamran Khan	Executive Member
Mohammed Faizullah Abdul Bari	Executive Member
Khaja Ahmed Hussain	Executive Member
Mohammed Abdul Saleem	Executive Member
Jahangir Hussain Khan	Member

THE NEW MANAGING COMMITTEE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING

Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri, MLA	President
Mohammed Liyaqath Ali	Vice-president
Ahmedullah Shah Quadri Chisti	Secretary
Khaja Ahmed Hussain (Nagori)	Joint Secretary
Mohammed Abdul Saleem	Treasurer
Kamran Khan	Member
Mohammed Habeeb Quadri	Member
Mohammed Omar Ali (Waseem)	Member
Arshad Khan	Member
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ENCROACHERS

A question posed by the MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi in the legislative assembly several years ago, has now put him in a tight spot with his own party MLAs turning out to be the grabber of God's own property meant for the welfare of the poor Muslims.

Asad, as he is popularly known, had posed a question (LAQ No.615) in the year 1995, when he was the only MLA of MIM, representing Charminar Assembly Constituency. The question was posed in an apparent attempt to win back the lost sympathy of Muslim electorate.

The sympathy was lost following allegations by MBT founder Amanullah Khan that Asad's father Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi chose to remain silent over the demolition of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya because the latter had entered into a secret deal with the Congress party. Incidentally, the senior Owaisi was the president of Babri Masjid Action Committee at that point of time.

The senior Owaisi took oath in the name of holy Quran in full public view at the historical Mecca Masjid on the occasion of last Friday of the holy month of Ramzan stating he did not enter into any secret deal with Congress party over Babri Masjid demolition. However, holy Quran very clearly says that one should swear only in the name of Almighty Allah and taking oath on any other thing is incorrect.

In this backdrop, Asad posed the question related to Wakf properties to woo the Muslim electorate. The then Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu ordered constitution of a House Committee on Wakf properties, which was the first of its kind at least in Andhra Pradesh. Asad was one of the members of the House Committee.

Unfortunately, the findings of the House Committee are now proving disastrous for the MIM, the self-styled savior of Islam, because several MIM leaders including the party former MLAs Virasat



Rasool Khan, Mohammed Muqtada Khan aka Afsar Khan, turned out to be the grabbers of Wakf properties worth thousands of crores.

Virasat Rasool Khan's misdeeds came to light when the House Committee was enquiring into the grabbing of 488 acres of land situated in 54 survey numbers between 169 to 524 which belonged to Dargah Hazrath Mir-Mahmood Saheb Pahadi at Attapur village in Rajendranagar Mandal of Ranga Reddy district.

It all began when the successors of self-styled Muthawallis – Faizunnisa Begum and Tajunnisa Begum – entered into agreement with others in connivance with the Wakf Board employees and began selling away the dargah properties.

While they sold away more than half of the dargah land, little over 62 acres was acquired by the forest department for tiger safari at a pittance of Rs 0.90 paise per square yard. Even the meager compensation money of Rs 7,30,689 is lying with the court due to pending court cases over the ownership of the land. Two persons – Mahaveer Singh and Dr Saxena also sold away several acres of land to various people.

The House Committee report says that the Wakf Board was blind, dumb and deaf when its properties were systematically en-

croached or sold away by land grabbers or unscrupulous elements. The House Committee also said in the report that the Wakf Board employees have been colluding with the encroachers, land grabbers and sellers in systematic annihilation of the Wakf Properties.

Though grabbing of the dargah land was going on since 1970s, the then Charminar MLA Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi remained silent.

It is due to this reason MIM MLA Virasat Rasool Khan could encroach about 15 acres of dargah land and constructed buildings. Basheeruddin Babu Khan, the then minister for minorities welfare, informed the house that the MIM MLA had occupied about 15 acres of dargah land and he had given in writing asking the state government for regularization of encroachments.

Accordingly, government had issued a GO No.84 on August 26, 1994 granting permission to Wakf Board to regularize the illegal encroachments and unauthorized occupation and sale of the land to the occupants in survey numbers 315 to 319, 321/1, 321/2, 321/3 and 334/4 of Attapur Village, belonging to the Darga at the rate of Rs. 100 per square yard, subject to the conditions that the sale proceeds should be invested through the Secretary,

Wakf Board in a scheduled or Nationalised Bank in interest yielding deposit, the Sale Deed shall be executed at the expense of the purchasers and the sale proceeds should be utilised exclusively for creating an alternate Wakf property for fulfillment of the object of Wakf as mentioned in the Muntakhab.

It was also mentioned in the GO that Virasat Rasool Khan had requested for regularization of houses and land already occupied by charging nominal price. Accordingly, the House Committee recommended that the price fixed in GO No.84 per square yard should be refixed only to facilitate regularization of wakf lands encroached by the then MIM MLA Virasat Rasool Khan and a few others.

However, according to Section 36-A of the Wakf Act, 1954 (Central Act, 29 of 1954) no wakf property can be transferred by way of sale, gift, mortgage or exchange or lease for a period exceeding three years in case of agricultural land and for a period exceeding one year in case of non-agricultural land or building without the previous sanction of the Wakf Board.

This clearly shows the reluctance of Owaisi family in protecting the wakf properties when they are grabbed by people belonging to their party or close to them in any manner.



Local Arab youth deprived of their benefits

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) Party has been holding Hyderabad Lok Sabha seat since 1984 and Chandrayanagutta Assembly seat since 1974. But little did the party do for the welfare of Arab

community living in the city. Instead, the party leaders helped all those who tried to harm the Arab community in one way or the other.

Take the case of wakf property attached to Majlis-e-Shura Dasti

Parcha Bafi Harmain Sharifain. The original objective of all the five wakf properties – Baitul Madina at Nampally, Madina Manzil at Himayatnagar, Madina Mahal at Hyderguda, Madina Villa at Mangalhat and eight shops at Vit-

Madina Educational Centre close to AP State Wakf Board office under encroachment



talwadi, Hyderabad – was to impart training in hand weaving to the young Arab youth living in Madine Munawara, Saudi Arabia by sending artisans and raw material from Hyderabad.

However, taking advantage of exploration of petrol in Saudi Arabia, a few selfish persons with an intention to grab the valuable wakf properties, got amended the original by-laws without following due procedure of law. According to Wakf Act, objective of a wakf institution cannot be changed. In case it is inevitable, the new objective should be very close to the old one. In this instance, if youth in Saudi Arabia no longer require any assistance from a particular wakf institution, it should help the Arab youth living in Hyderabad and in India, who are really in need of assistance.

But no such thing happened. Instead, it was decided to impart education to Muslim Community.

It was at this point of time, K M Arifuddin managed to become the Muthawalli/Secretary of this Wakf Institution's Managing Committee in 1980. Subsequently, the wakf institution established Madina Technical College at Baitul Madina in 1980, Madina Public School at Madina Manzil in 1982, Madina Junior College for Girls at Madina Manzil in 1983, Madina Students Hostel at Madina Mahal in 1987 and Madina Junior College for Boys at Madina Manzil in 1987.

The Managing Committee obtained permissions for the construction of new buildings in place of old buildings from the Wakf Board and recognition to the Educational institutions was obtained from the Government in the name of the Wakf Institution. The Managing Committee collected donations from the students, Nizam's Charitable Trust and other philanthropic Institutions for construction of new buildings.

In 1991, Arifuddin played the master stroke by registering Madina Educational and Welfare Society and started collecting all the fees, donations in the name of the society. Acting in the capacity of the secretary of managing committee he leased out the property to Madina Educational and Welfare Society, represented by himself in the capacity of the secretary of the society. Thus, he became the lessee and lessor, thereby swindling the money meant for poor Muslims.

The First House Committee on Wakf Properties, of which present MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and its current legislator Mumtaz Ahmed Khan were members, recommended a thorough enquiry against Arifuddin from the date of his becoming Secretary of the Wakf Institution for his various commissions and omissions, under the provisions of the Central Wakf Act.



The five Wakf protection activists

The House Committee also recommended audit of the wakf institution and its educational institutions since 1980, disciplinary action against Wakf Board secretary Mir Kamaluddin Ali Khan, Special Officer Mohammed Laiq Ali Khan for amending the muntakhab through the proceedings dated November 12, 1993.

The House Committee also recommended disciplinary action against Mohammed Siddique and Mohammed Mahmood, the then secretary and deputy secretary respectively, who inspected the Wakf Institution on December 11, 1994 and submitted a report on December 16, 1994 wherein it was stated that the educational institutions located in the three multi-storeyed buildings of the Wakf Institution did not come under the purview of the Wakf Board.

The House Committee recommendations also included superseding the managing committee of the wakf institution and take the management of the same along with educational insti-



tutions under the direct management of the Wakf Board.

The final recommendations of the house committee were submitted to the Assembly in the year 1997. Subsequently, Asaduddin Owaisi, who was the active role playing member of the House Committee, became the member of the AP State Wakf Board and chief patron of the wakf board employees association. But he never tried to ensure that the recommendations made by the House Committee were implemented.

It was only after wakf protec-

tion and RTI activists – Moullim Mohsin Bin Hussain Al Kasary, Mohammed Khairul Hassan, Syed Farees Ahmed, Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri and M A Basith – began collecting information under RTI Act and disseminated the same to public through media, a few sincere wakf board officials initiated action against Arifuddin.

One of the activists – Syed Farees Ahmed – filed a case in the High Court in which the court directed the Wakf Board to take action against Arifuddin. Only then, the Wakf Board initiated action to take control of the wakf institutions grabbed by Arifuddin.

Meanwhile, concerned muslims alleged that Arifuddin would not have been able to grab wakf properties without the conspicuous support of MIM leaders. It is time to save Wakf Board from the clutches of selfish political leaders and demanded the nominated posts in the board should be given to honest people fighting for the protection of wakf properties and common muslims.

MNC's grab Dargah lands

- Jagan reaps benefits
- MIM, Congress, Scholars help land sharks



Hundreds of acres of Wakf lands belonging to Dargah Hazrath Baba Sharifuddin, popularly known as Pahadi Sharif Dargah, were sold away by the late Y S Rajasekhara Reddy government for pittance, in the garb of development.

And the Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM), the self-styled protector of Islam in Hyderabad, made much hulla baloo in the Assembly by threatening to launch agitation, but in the end simply forgot the issue allegedly in connivance with Rajasekhara Reddy

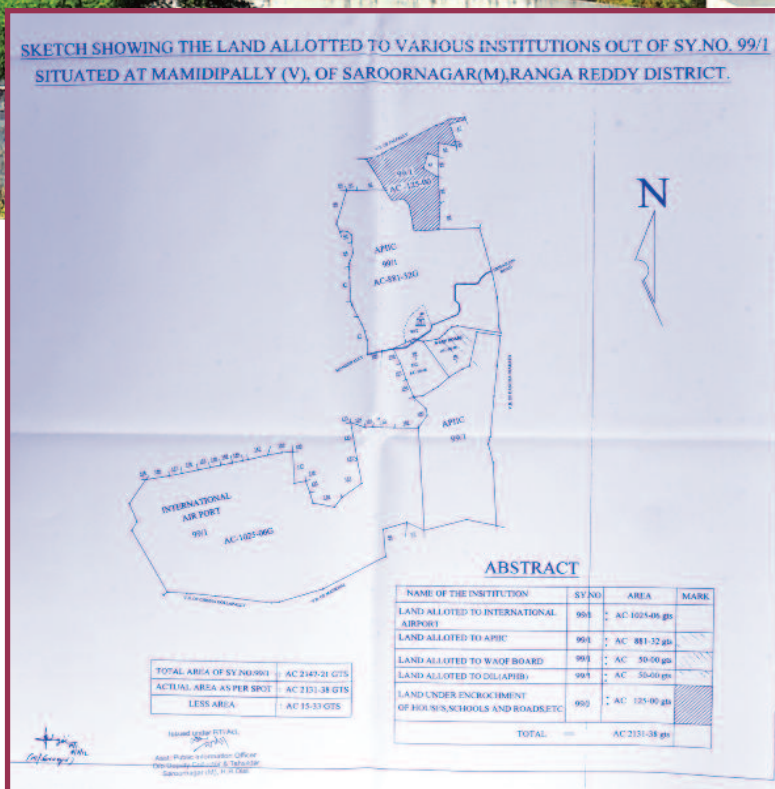
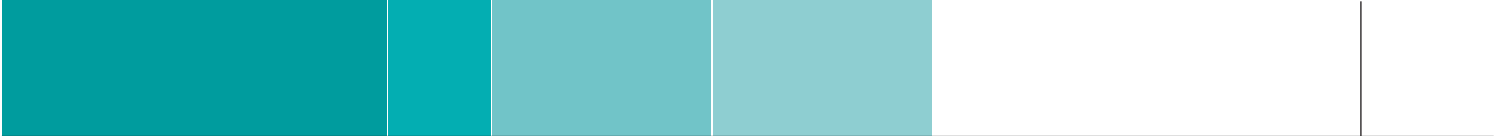
and his son Jaganmohan Reddy.

Taking advantage of the alleged cooperation from the MIM leaders, Rajasekhara Reddy sold away the dargah lands at a throw-away price through Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) to Indu Projects and Brahmani Infratech Limited. The favour was extended allegedly in return for the huge kickbacks paid by the two industries in the form of making investments in the companies owned by Jaganmohan Reddy.

The Wakf lands were allotted

to GMR, Indu and Brahmani during 2005. The MIM leaders were well aware of the fact that the lands were Wakf property, which is evident from a question (LAQ No. 3016) posed by the then Charminar MLA Asaduddin Owaisi in the year 1996.

Replying to the question on September 3, 1996, the then Minister for Higher Education and Waks, Basheeruddin Babu Khan had said in the house that the total extent of land in survey number 83 to 96 and 99 was 2304.07 acres and as per the Gazette Notification



only survey numbers 90, 91, 92 and 99/1 are notified as Wakf under the Dargah which comes to 2190.01 acres in addition to the area of the Dargah structures in survey number 96.

However, the House Committee on Wakf properties, of which Asaduddin is a member, observed that the dargah has 2131.38 acres of land in survey number 99/1 in Mamidipally Village according to serial number 2911 of the Gazette.

This clearly shows the MIM was well aware of the fact that the government was trying to alienate

the Wakf lands by manipulating records. Yet, the so-called protector of Islam chose to extend cooperation to Rajasekhara Reddy regime.

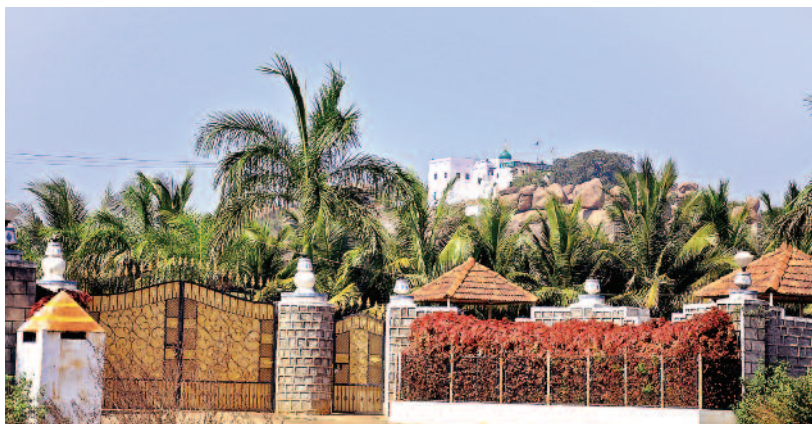
Instead of protecting the Wakf lands, the MIM leaders tried to mislead the angry people of their community by staging an agitation for the reconstruction of the mosque demolished for developing the airport. It is alleged that the MIM has not been sincere even in this aspect which is evident from the fact that the mosque has not been built even to this date.

What is sickening in the entire episode is that the government tried to manipulate records by showing that the land was acquired by forest department in 1950s and subsequently it was given to animal husbandry department. Later, the APIIC acquired 981 acres from the animal husbandry department merely by paying little over Rs 7 crore as compensation.

The revenue officials went to the extent of stating in the documents that the alienation of land for animal husbandry department was not reflected in the revenue records.

Official documents available with The News show the blatant manipulation of records by the administration to enable Rajasekhara Reddy regime sell away the Wakf lands at throwaway price to a group of investors who paid huge kickbacks to Jagan as part of quid-pro-quo arrangement, as stated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in its chargesheet filed in the disproportionate assets case registered against the chief of YSR Congress.

Though Asaduddin and his younger brother Akbaruddin



Farm house in the garb of education society built by Link Travels on Dargah lands

Owaisi brag about their unrelenting struggle for the protection of Wakf properties, the House Committee on Wakf Properties, in which Asaduddin is a key member, washed its hands simply blaming the Wakf Board and recommending eye-wash measures.

The House Committee said in its report that, "It looks as if the Wakf Board was interested in getting the income from the dargah of Rs 2 lakh and not in respect of other aspects. It is unfortunate that several Wakf Institutions are having huge properties but could not be effectively managed and protected resulting in the loss of such properties by the Wakf Board. The situation seemed to be

very pathetic. When huge property was available to this dargah, it should have been the basic duty of the Wakf Board as Muthawalli to prevent the revenue authorities from issuing pattas. The failure of the Wakf Board is evident."

The House Committee recommended the Wakf Board to conduct survey of all the properties of the dargah including the landed property in coordination with and cooperation of the Ranga Reddy District Collector and take appropriate action against the encroachers by filing cases and see that the property is restored to the Wakf Institutions.

The Committee also recommended that pattas given may be cancelled immediately and the property may be restored to the Wakf Institutions.

After submitting the report neither the House Committee nor the MIM, whose current chief Asaduddin was the member of the committee, bothered to follow up the issue and ensure action for obvious reasons.

It is time the people of Hyderabad recognize the true colours of their leaders and teach them a lesson whenever they get an opportunity.

Major encroachers

881.32 acres in the custody of APIIC of which 250 each has been given away to Indu and Brahmani at a throwaway price of Rs 20 lakh per acres while the prevailing market (Government) value was more than Rs 1 crore per acre.

250 acres – Indutech
250 acres – Brahmani
1025.06 acres – Airport



Wakf property grabbed by Afsar Khan

MIM leader mortgages Wakf Property for loan



Mohammed Muqtada Khan
aka Afsar Khan

He is a member of the legislative Assembly and belongs to a political party that claims to be the champion of Islam and muslim community in Hyderabad. But facts and figures give an entirely different picture of this legislator.

All India Majlis Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MLA from Karwan Assembly Constituency, Mohammed Muqtada Khan aka Afsar Khan is accused of grabbing

The assets presently owned by Afsar Khan had allegedly been acquired with the money borrowed from Charminar

prime wakf property in Mehdiapatnam. Not just grabbing, but he mortgaged the property and obtained huge amount of loan from

a Charminar Cooperative Urban Bank for his personal purpose and did not repay the loan.

It appears the non-repayment of loan was deliberate because the MLA was not bothered about the property as it was not his hard earned one. The property actually is a wakf property but Afsar Khan, despite being a legislator and member of the MIM, simply grabbed the land meant for the welfare of poor muslims and ob-

tained loan by furnishing forged documents.

According to Osman Bin Mohammed Al-Hajri, president of Deccan Wakf Properties Protection Society, Afsar Khan had grabbed the wakf land admeasuring acres 1.06 guntas situated at Mehdiapatnam and attached to Dargah Hazrath Sabith Ali Shah. The legislator got demolished a mosque on the encroached wakf land and constructed a hotel named Meraj Hotel.

Osman Al-Hajri told The News that a house was constructed over part of the wakf land admeasuring 224 square yards and the same was mortgaged to Charminar Cooperative Urban Bank for obtaining a loan of Rs 69 lakh.

But the MLA did not repay the loan following which the bank decided to auction the property mortgaged as the outstanding loan amount as on December 31, 2012 was Rs 14,84,53,282. However, the auction was suspended after wakf board officials intervened and produced documents showing the property belonged to wakf board, he said.

Osman Al-Hajri also said that the wakf board did not file a case so far against Afsar Khan for grabbing wakf property merely because the land grabber is a legislator and a member of MIM, which has complete control over the wakf board.

Since there was absolutely no

Wakf property grabbed by Afsar Khan



response from the officials concerned in this connection, the wakf protection activist has filed a case in the high court and the same is pending.

Meanwhile, a section of muslim community expressed displeasure over the double standards of MIM. "When people from other community even attempt to grab wakf land, MIM leaders go to extreme levels to show that they are fighting for the muslims. But the party has not uttered a word when its own legislator grabbed wakf land and mortgaged it to borrow money from a cooperative bank," they said.

Osman Al-Hajri says it is time

the officials concerned initiate appropriate action against the land grabber. Also, the people should give a befitting reply to the land grabbers in the forthcoming elections.

Concerned citizens from muslim community opine that the MIM leadership should have made Afsar Khan resign from his position and expel him from the party the moment when information about grabbing Wakf property came to light through newspapers.

They also say that all the assets presently owned by Afsar Khan had been acquired with the money borrowed from Charminar Cooperative Urban Bank by mortgaging the Wakf property. Hence, all his assets should be seized and handed over to Wakf Board besides initiating criminal proceedings against him.

They sought to know from the MIM leadership whether Afsar Khan would have kept quiet if the property mortgaged with the bank was acquired through hard earned money. "He became defaulter because it was a Wakf property and grabbed by the former MLA," the concerned citizens said.

The concerned citizens also said the MIM was not going to benefit in any way by dropping him in the current elections since the nexus between Afsar Khan and the MIM leadership has clearly come to light.



Lanco Hills project on Wakf land

Over 1000 acres of wakf land sold for pittance

**Land attached to Dargah Hazrath Hussain Shah Wali
Lanco Hills gets 100 acres, MIM silent on the issue
Case pending in Supreme Court**

The Wakf Board has miserably failed in protecting the lands attached to Dargah Hazrath Hussain Shah Wali in

Manikonda. Lanco Hills, owned by former Congress MP Lagadapati Rajagopal alone is sitting on 100 acres of this land, while other

MNCs have got hundreds of acres for a pittance.

It may be recalled the then Congress government headed by late YS Rajasekhara Reddy allotted more than 1000 acres of wakf land in Manikonda village near Gachibowli to MNCs and real estate developers at throwaway price.



Congress leader Mohd Ali Shabbir at a religious function (file photo)

Lanco Hills is constructing a mega township and SEZ in 100 acres of land, while other MNCs such as Emaar, Microsoft, Infosys, Wipro and Polaris were also given the wakf land at throw-away price.

Initially the state government maintained that it was government land and it was at liberty to allot the same to companies. Following protests from wakf protection activists, the Wakf Board had to act and file a case against government's decision.

Disposing a petition, the high court in April 2012 observed that the 1,654.32 acres of land allotted to Lanco Hills for the construction of Technological Park belonged to Wakf Board. The court advised the Lanco Hills to settle the ownership dispute at the Wakf Board Tribunal only.

Earlier, the Wakf Tribunal stayed the constructions of Lanco hills following objection raised by Wakf Board.

Challenging the High Court order,



Lanco Hills approached the Supreme Court, which allowed construction and sale of properties subject to the outcome of the case. Armed with this order, Lanco Hills has been conducting business in full swing.

It is alleged that the companies which got the lands for a pittance had paid huge bribes to late Rajasekhara Reddy's son Y S Jaganmohan Reddy, several politicians and officials in the government and Wakf Board. The lands attached to this dargah are estimated to be around Rs 32,000 crore.

What is surprising is that the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), the self styled champion of Islam in Hyderabad, chose to remain silent in this case. It is said the MIM remained silent for obvious reasons, while the TRS occasionally raised its voice only against Lanco Hills leaving other players who got the wakf lands for a pittance.



GREEDY TRUSTEES, OFFICIALS GRAB WAKF PROPERTY WORTH ₹100 CR

Wakf Board special officer mum on the illegal transactions

It was a Wakf property according to the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated March 16, 1989, meant for providing aid for the needy persons belonging to Jamaath Suleimani. But the Mutawallis (Trustees) in collusion with some greedy officials of the Wakf Board grabbed prime property worth several crores of rupees, built luxurious apartments and sold the flats to individuals.

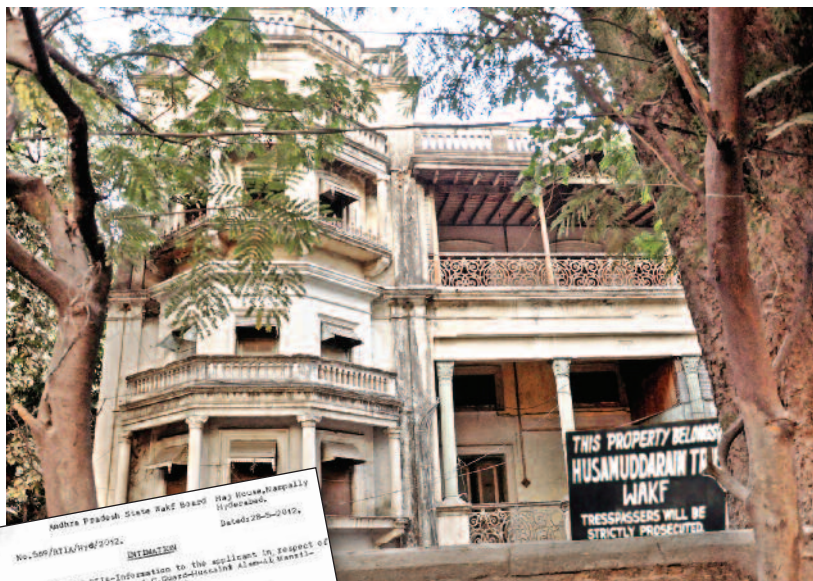
Documents available with The NEWS show that the property measuring 5833.33 square yards located at Shantinagar bearing municipal number 10-2-9 was actually meant for the purpose of providing aid to the members of Jamaath Suleimani. The property was named Kunj-e-Afiath.

However, the Wakf property was grabbed and an apartment named NASR Apartments was constructed. Several illegal transactions were carried out before and after the construction of the apartments.

The construction of apartments and sale of residential flats came to light after RTI activist Mohsin Bin Hussain Al Kasary lodged a complaint with the Wakf Board seeking criminal proceedings against all those involved in the illegal transactions.

Mohsin alleged in his representation given to the Wakf Board chairman that the property worth more than Rs 100 crore was sold away by the mutawallis in collusion with some Wakf Board officials and sought action against them.

The Wakf Board chairman ordered a joint enquiry by the task



force officer concerned did not collect Wakf fund from the mutawallis of Kunj-e-Afiath. Instead, Inspector Auditor of another circle had collected a paltry amount of Rs 9080 from the mutawallis.

Ironically, the enquiry report did not recommend any criminal action against those responsible for carrying out the illegal transactions and sold out the Wakf property. It just said necessary action would be taken to prevent further illegal transactions and registrations.

RTI activist Mohsin alleged that there was larger conspiracy behind the alienation of Wakf property. Neither the MIM MLAs and MP, nor the officials who are members of Wakf Board objected while the property was being sold. The MLAs could have raised the issue in the Assembly, but they did not do so. This indicates larger collusion and conspiracy, he alleged.

force officer and the surveyor of the Board. During enquiry it was found by the officials that the Wakf property was indeed encroached. As many as 84 residential flats were constructed and the complex has been named NASR Apartments.

The enquiry also revealed that several illegal transactions were carried out and the flats were sold and registered to various people at Golconda Sub-Registrar office since 2006 by misrepresenting the facts.

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