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US trapped in Iran war, its bases in Middle East damaged, fails to secure regime change



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The United States had launched its war against Iran earlier this year, with the aim to change the Iranian regime. However, more than six months have passed, but the US' operation Epic Fury that had started on February 28, has not been able to meet its core objective.

Iran's clout has grown and its influence now extends due to the strategic decisions, nation's leadership, resilience, asymmetric warfare and the will to resist the superpower's strikes.

US president Donald Trump had earlier boasted that it would be a quick victory but right now United States is trapped in Iran.

Not just that Iran continued to respond—using its missiles and drones, the country that was facing America's much superior air power and technology, still managed to fight back.

Iran's supreme leader was killed along with his family members and the US attack on the school that led to large scale deaths of innocent girls, caused a negative reaction in the world.

But later on, Iran targeted the US' bases in the entire region. This has been a price that US has to pay because Iran fought for its survival and the Gulf nations that had stood rock solid with US, were awe-struck. The mood in Arab and the Muslim street also turned

pro-Iran. A long history of US attack on Muslim nations and its ally, Israel's actions in the region, have naturally angered the majority of populace in Middle East and has made US latest attack, hugely unpopular.

That Iran stood up and faced the US' military attack, led to sentiment change even in the West that has been horrified by the images of atrocities from Gaza.

Iran managed to play its cards well and the decision to control the Strait of Hormuz was a game changer. US is the lone super power, unarguably, but the fact that oil and gas supplies are vital for other nations, proved to be an ace and Iran showed that it was a

regional power. The country has been under sanctions for decades and its citizens have suffered for long. The country had experience of long war and hardships during the war with Iraq in the 1980s.

As the attacks on US' bases caused insecurity among other Gulf nations and it hurt their economy, Iran's strength is now acknowledged and the country's reputation too went up. Russia, China and certain other countries have been supportive and Iran has also used its connections well. Yemeni rebels' ability to control movements of ships through Bab el Mandeb, is also crucial. US has again got stuck in another war in a faraway nation.

Violence, attacks and incidents of hate across multiple states during the Kanwar Yatra processions in 2026

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The incidents of violence, road rage, hate crimes, ban on non-vegetarian food, rows, scuffles and misbehavior were reported from several regions during the Kanwar Yatra this year.

On the route of processions, such incidents took place in different states. Now a report documents recurring patterns during the 2026 Kanwar Yatra in four states viz. Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Bihar. From physical assault and road-related violence, economic boycott of Muslim-run businesses, non-vegetarian food boycott orders, other than obscene acts and sexualized rally during Yatra.

Nine vehicle-related disputes were the single largest trigger of violence this Yatra season, with Kanwar groups repeatedly resorting to mob assault after minor collisions or perceived contact with a Kanwar (the pot of Ganga water carried by pilgrims).

A pickup vehicle was allegedly vandalized after reportedly grazing past Kanwar Yatra members in Purqazi; the incident went viral on social media. In Meerut, UP, a bike allegedly damaged a Kanwar on the

Delhi–Dehradun highway near Daurala, sparking a clash in which a police head constable was injured intervening, and six accused were later booked after a viral video surfaced.

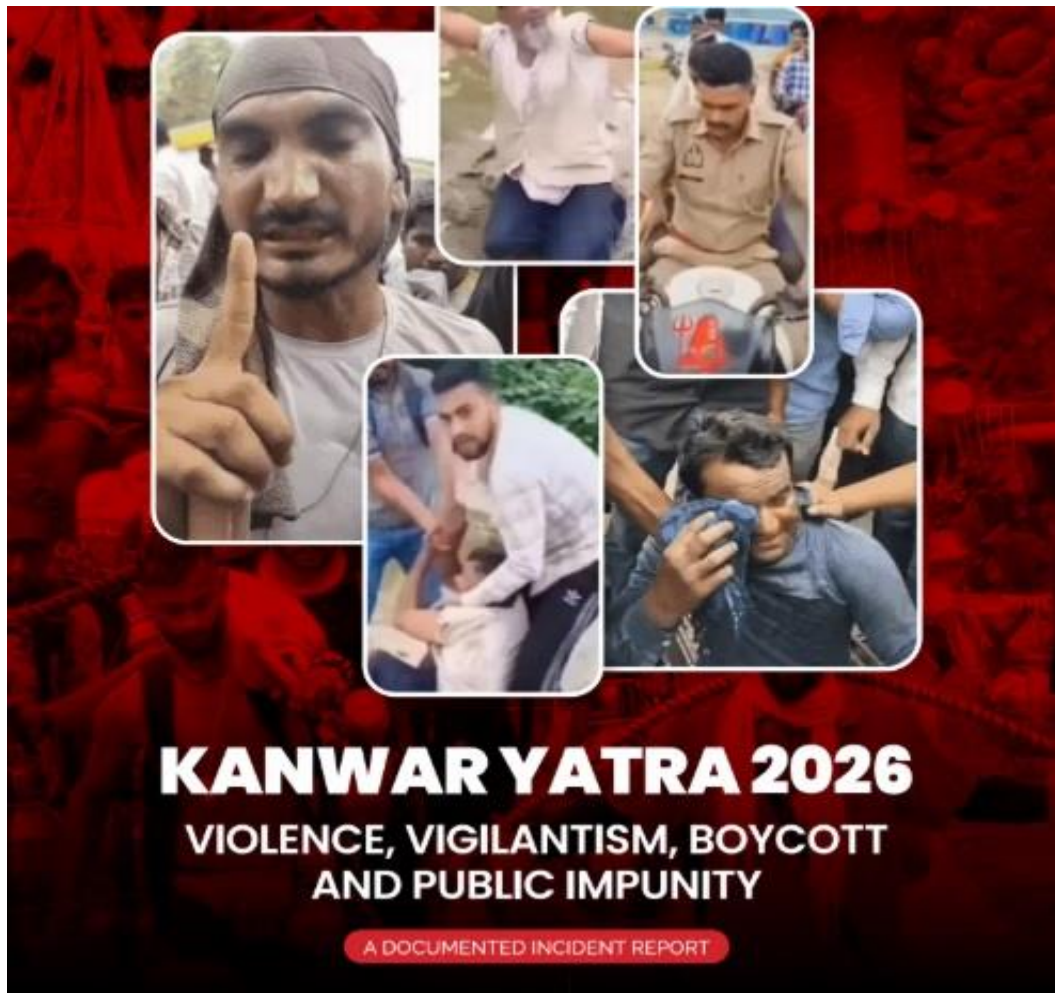
In Lucknow, a group of Kanwar riding bikes attacked

and vandalized a school van carrying young children at a traffic crossing.

Besides, a 24-year-old truck driver Azim Ali was dragged from his vehicle and beaten with a wooden stick by the Kanwar near the toll plaza after a

collision with a parked autorickshaw — reportedly in the presence of a police officer. He died of his injuries. Association for Protection of Civic Rights (APCR) has documented it.

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Anger on the streets, road rage, scuffle and mob attacks is big challenge for the society



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A youth, Imran, was slapped, punched and held for around 20 minutes by 15 members of the procession, who accused him of touching and breaking their Kanwar, causing a long traffic jam.

Local police pacified the mob only by arranging a fresh re-consecration ritual, but they didn't take action against the assailants, says APCR report. In another incident, a video showing an elderly Muslim man being humiliated and assaulted in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad appeared on social media.

He was stopped and beaten while carrying chicken during the Hindu month of Saawan. According to the information circulating with the video clip, the incident took place on August 7 in Ghaziabad, after the man had travelled from Delhi's Ghazipur wholesale market with chicken.

The members of the Hindu Raksha Dal allegedly stopped him and objected to his carrying chicken during Saawan. In yet another incident, a Muslim motorcyclist was forced to touch the feet of the Kanwar--

those who were in the procession and apologize to them for entering a road reserved for the procession—enforced in the presence of police, despite no offence being established.

The 35-year-old motorcyclist was surrounded by pilgrims in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh after entering a route reserved for the Kanwar Yatra, an annual pilgrimage. Video of the incident shows the man bending down and touching the feet of people surrounding him while police personnel stand nearby.

The police rejected claims circulating online that the confrontation began after the man damaged a Kanwar, a decorated structure used by pilgrims to carry containers of water from the Ganges River. The police official said no Kanwar had been damaged. An FIR was filed against a cleric who had questioned whether those who 'damage school van', 'injure cops' and 'sit on roads consuming intoxicants' could be called devotees'. He later said his comments were not about Kanwar Yatra.



Semiconductor Roundtable in Delhi: CEOs urged to actively participate in the next phase of India's semiconductor growth

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The top companies and their CEOs have expressed confidence in India's potential to build capabilities across the semiconductor value chain, as part of the process to create the semiconductor ecosystem. The CEOs appreciated the Government's sustained efforts to develop India's semiconductor capabilities, noting the progress made in manufacturing, design, infrastructure and talent development. They expressed confidence in the opportunities emerging under ISM 2.0 and in India's potential to build capabilities across the semiconductor value chain, including manufacturing, R&D, advanced technologies and supporting industries. Appreciating the leadership and support of the Prime Minister, they said the progress achieved in recent years has created a strong foundation for further industry participation. They expressed their commitment to contributing to India's emergence as a globally competitive semiconductor and technology hub. The meeting was attended by the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), the Heads and the representatives of various organizations including SEMI, Micron, Infineon, Applied Materials, ASML, Merck, Tokyo Electron Ltd, Fuji Film, AMD, Intel, Tata Electronics, Lam Research, NXP, Fox con, Semi Conductor Devices, Advantest, Celesta Capital, CG Power, IBM Research among others.

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He noted the significant progress made in the semiconductor sector and said the ecosystem is now moving from foundational efforts to a phase of greater scale and opportunity. The prime minister reiterated the Government's commitment to a predictable and responsive policy environment, while emphasizing that policies must evolve in line with technological advancements and industry requirements. He invited industry leaders to share suggestions on policy and administrative measures and assured them that their inputs would be given due consideration in further

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