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A picture is circulating on social media in Afghanistan showing a soldier carrying his fellow Afghan, a frail old person, on his shoulder from the Taliban's harm in the battlefield.

Social media users are praising ANDSF for fighting Taliban and taking care of their people.

### Qatar's Shura Council election requirements spark controversy, lead to arrests



The confusion for Qatar's Shura Council elections, which are scheduled to be held in October, has sparked backlash and controversy in social media, leading to several arrests, the BBC reported on Monday.

Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani approved the electoral law for the country's first ever legislative elections earlier this week. It will appoint 15 members of the 45-seat Shura Council who will all be given the legislative authority to approve general state budgets and policies, according to Reuters.

The new law states that any-

one who is of Qatari origin and is over the age of 18 is allowed to vote. Those who are not of Qatari origin but whose grandfather is of Qatari origin and was born in the country are exempt from the "original nationality" condition.

It also states that candidates who would like to run for the Shura Council elections will need to be originally Qatari and aged 30 or above. Approved in a 2005 constitutional referendum, the election is being held before the country's capital hosts the World Cup football tournament in 2022.

These conditions, especially the requirement of the candidate, leading to be of Qatari nationality, is especially, have sparked a great deal of controversy on social media, prompting members of the country's al-Majlis tribe to speak out on the matter as they do not meet the requirements.

The al-Majlis tribe, descendants of camel-herding nomads who historically controlled large parts of the Arabian Peninsula and

made up a large proportion of Qatar's ethnic population, took to social media and posted several videos in protest of what they described as the "tribal law" that was against them, essentially preventing them from running for the Shura Council elections.

Some activists on social media also launched an online campaign which translates to something along the lines of "Al-Majlis tribal law is against them".

Following the social media campaign, the Gulf country's Ministry of Interior announced via Twitter that seven people were arrested and referred to the Public Prosecution after using social media "to spread false news" and "stirring racial and tribal enmity".

The ministry added that it will not hesitate to take legal action against anyone who "incites or leads people" aiming to threaten the stability and security of the country and society.

## Anti-Muslim slogans raised in Indian capital, suspects in custody

New Delhi, India - At least five people, including a former spokesman of India's governing right-wing party, are in police custody over anti-Muslim slogans raised in the capital.

A protest, organised on Sunday by former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Supreme Court lawyer Ashwini Uppal, to demand the "sweeping of Hindu contamination law" turned into a demonstration against Muslims.

A mob of more than 100 people chanted for violence against the minority community as Justice Minister Manoj Sinha, who is a popular protest site, visited a popular protest site. Video reportedly from the event showed a man saying Muslims were "gays" and calling for the "mass killing" of the minority, which constitutes about 14 percent of India's 1.35 billion population. Among the slogans raised in the event were "Ban muslims from India" and "Ban muslims from India".



Rain is one of the most revered deities in Hinduism. A BJP-led movement to demolish a 16th-century mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya, which, according to Hindu groups, stood on the site of Ram's birthplace, catapulted the party to political prominence in the 1990s. The mosque was demolished in 1992 and Modi has just laid the foundation stone of a temple being built there.

On Monday night, Uppal, who has been in the news for questioning, according to a Delhi police spokesman. The

police had initially filed charges against "without persons" before the court. The court, led by the judge of the capital, said it was a "mass killing" of the minority, which constitutes about 14 percent of India's 1.35 billion population. Among the slogans raised in the event were "Ban muslims from India" and "Ban muslims from India".

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## Climate change: The IPCC environmental warning India cannot ignore

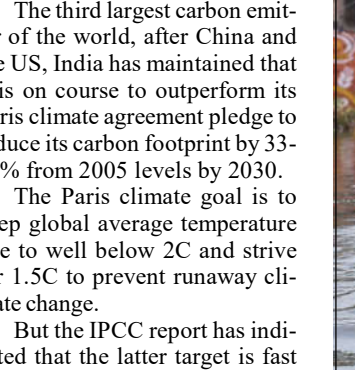


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The third largest carbon emitter of the world, after China and the US, India has maintained that it is a co-owner in responsibility for reducing carbon footprint by 2030.

The Paris climate goal is to keep global average temperature rise to well below 2C and strive for 1.5C to prevent runaway climate change.

But the IPCC report has indicated that the latter target is fast slipping out of reach because countries are not cutting down carbon emissions fast enough, causing global temperature to rise.

India has not followed suit even after several other major carbon emitters announced that they would become carbon neutral by 2050, not even after China set its goal to reach net zero by 2060.

But this IPCC report has shown that the second most populous country in the world has been ranked seventh in a major climate risk index of 2019 - a major issue.



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Among the most serious findings of the sixth assessment report of the UN's climate science organization is that some of the climate systems of the planet have already seen irreversible changes due to unabated global warming.

India, however, says it has already taken steps to reduce its carbon footprint.

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Extreme weather events like heavy precipitation leading to floods and landslides, heat waves and cyclones are influenced by the Earth's climate system. And if the system have been destabilised by unabated warming, experts say, the extreme events they influence are bound to intensify and become more frequent.

Over the past 16 decades, 20 million people every year have been forced from their homes by weather-related disasters, according to the International Disaster Database.

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