

**“Terrorist can't break our unity”**

***Protest staged under the banner of HWA, demanding Fatwa against the perpetrators of the terror act that claimed several lives on march 7 in Varanasi***

Maulana Abdul Batin Nomani, Mufti-e-Banaras has issued fatwa (edict) against ultras (in the context to terrorist activities in Varanasi on March 7) saying Islam has no place for terrorists and their sympathizers. He said killing and violence has no place in Islam and gruesome killings of innocent people was anti-Islamic. This is first time in the history of terrorist activities when a fatwa has been issued against the terrorism. This fatwa is an output of the protest staged under the banner of Human Welfare Association on March 11, demanding for fatwa as well as to spread the message of maintaining peace and communal harmony in the city.

Human Welfare Association had demanded a fatwa against the perpetrators of the terror act during a protest staged by the organization at the busy Lahurabir crossing on March 11. This protest was condemning the Varanasi terror acts and also condemned the failure of government in checking such acts. About two hundred Muslim women clad in burqas, other associated with several Madarasas, representatives of Banaras Bunkar Samiti, many other from various educational institute came on to the street, wearing white badges, raising slogans like – ‘terrorist can't break out unity’, ‘Atankwad rook samaj bachao’, ‘bomb visfot band karo’ atankwad murdabad’, ‘hindu muslim jindabad’. They demanded for fatwa, immediate arrest and punishment of the persons behind this blast. Later they formed a human chain showing their solidarity with unity and communal harmony of the country and marched in a shape of rally around the Azad park of Lahurabir.

Dr. Rajnikant, Director HWA said during his address to meting that though terrorism had reached from Kashmir to Kashi, it could not shatter people's faith and unity. He criticized the government policy and said that it was due to laxity of the government that terrorists targeting the holy city.

Speaking in the meeting, Director of Gandhi Adhyayan Kendra, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth said that there is no place for terrorism in the country, which produced a person like mahatma Gandhi, he said that such blasts could not hit the ganga- yamuni culture of the city.

The head of Journalism department, MGKV, Dr Anil Upadhyay said that all the Muslim nations should jointly condemn acts of terrorism.

Hasina Begum, Tufail Quadari, Noshaba, Mohd Saleem Ansari, Harikesh, Jamila Begum, Raghvendra, Salilesh and many other expressed their views in the meeting.

**Glimpse of media:**

Hindustan Times	Mufti-e-Banaras issues fatwa against ultras
Times of India	Muslim denounce terrorism
Hindustan Times	Muslim wants fatwa against ultras
The Pioneer	Kashmir to Kashi, united they stand
Dainik Jagran	Muslim mahilao neb hi kiya mukhar virodh
Amar Ujala	Manav shrinkhala banakar diya shanty ka sandesh
Hindustan	Muslim mahilao ne nakab uthakar buland ki awaj
United Bharat	Atankio ko girphtar kar saja dene ki maang ki gayi
Dainik manyawar	Kashmir se kashi pahucha atankwad hame tod nahi sakta
Janwarta	Atankwad hame tod nahi sakta
Kashiwarta	Atankwad ke khilaf Azad park me dharana

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