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To

The Editor,
The Associated Journals Limited
Herald House, 5A Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
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Subject: - Rebuttal of the report published in National Herald i.e. "Muslims with no link to Tablighi Jamaat detained by Delhi Police, sent to quarantine"

Sir,

This refers to the above captioned news article appeared in your esteemed newspaper –link- https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/india/muslims-with-no-link-to-tablighi-jamaat-detained-by-delhi-police-sent-to-quarantine, The allegations published in the newspaper are false and hence denied. It is stated that there were 33 foreigners along with two Indian translators of Tablighi Jamaat who had come from Markaz, Nizamuddin in the area of PS Shastri Park. They had stayed in Mosques and in some private houses in Shastri park Area. There were 12 local people who were in close contact with these 35 Tablighi people. When persons having links with Tablighi Jamaat, Markaz, Nizamuddin were traced in order to check outbreak of COVID-19, the above 12 persons came to notice. They were sent for medical examination and after the medical examination on the advice of doctors they all were quarantined. The above action was taken because there was a possibility that some persons, who were in contact with these Tablighi Jamaat people, may also be infected with the Corona virus even though they had not visited the Markaz Nizamuddin themselves. Therefore, a contact tracing was carried out. These are those people who were quarantined in order to contain spread of the disease. It also came out that 5 out of 12 of them turned out to be Covid+ve during testing at a later stage. Therefore, they are being quarantined in order to save the lives of these people irrespective of their faith or religion and also to secure the lives of their near and dear ones in whose contact they could have come, if left to roam about just like that.

Besides, there was information received in PS Khajuri Khas on 31.3.2020 that some persons who have visited Markaz Nizamuddin are residing in the area. Immediately, an enquiry was conducted. During enquiry, it was revealed that there were about 6 persons who had visited Markaz Nizamuddin and then gone to Maharashtra in Jamaat and then had returned. These people were taken for medical examination where on the advice of the doctor, they were quarantined. Another information was received on April 1, 2020 that some more Jamaati people have come from Bulandshahar. It came out that there were 11 such persons. They were also

taken for medical examination and doctor had quarantined them. The information was duly passed on to the civil administration for necessary action.

Since Covid+ve is a pandemic disease and have the potential to spread to others. Therefore, contact tracing of known or suspected Covid+ve cases were carried out immediately and probable contact persons were got medically examined and quarantined as per the advice of the Doctor. For instance, if 5 local people in Shastri Park as explained above who turned out to be Covid+ve, if had not been quarantined, might have spread the disease to umpteen numbers of people.

The issues related to facilities at quarantine centre may be got clarified from Civil Administration.

In view of the above-stated facts, it is requested that this rebuttal may be published with the same prominence, so as to put the facts in proper perspective before your esteemed readers.

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